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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE 1758-59

Volume XXXIX.

[FROM DECEMBER 2, 1758, TO DECEMBER 17, 1759.]

No. 1.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George,

Honble Sir & Sirs

The inclosed is Duplicate of our Advices under the 18th. Ultimo, and on the 25th. We had the pleasure to receive your Favour, by His Majesty's Squadron, commanded by Vice Admiral Pocock.

We congratulate you, on the safe arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Pitt & are in hopes, that the Warren, & London reached your Presidency shortly after the Departure of the Squadron, as the London, if not both those ships, were met by Mr. Pocock to the No. ard of Pondicherry.

The Duplicate of your address to the Honble the Court of Directors, by the Grantham shall be transmitted agreable to your Desire.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
2D. December 1758.

R. Bourchier.
T. Byfeld.
W. Sedgwicke.
Brabazon Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Sam: Hough.

No. 2.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the London Capt. Allwright We were favoured with your Letter of the 20 October & Duplicate of that of the 18th. We have like wise received your favour of the 13th. of that month ℔ Ganges.

We have the Pleasure to inform you the Warren Capt. Glover arrived here at the same time with the London & brought us the Honble Companys Commands of this Season for Bengal.

The Ilchester having returned from the southward the beginning of this Month We have Laden that ship fully for Europe & shall dispatch her from hence in a few days.

In Consequence of your request for a ship to be sent to your Presidency in January to take in your Bales We have stationed the Warren to proceed to the Coast for that Purpose: We have begun Loading her with Salt Petre & hope to get her away by the Middle of next Month. We shall lade 200 Tons of Petre on the Warren & about 500 Bales the rest of her Tonnage We shall fill up with Rice for your Use.

The London is Ordered to proceed to fort Marlbro to take in part of the Surplus of Pepper at that Settlement and if the Two ships yet expected from Europe arrive in time We shall send one of them to Bencoolen to take in the Remainder of their Pepper. By the London We shall supply that Place with the Stores they have indented for.

The Mermaid Sloop is not returned as yet nor is the Worcester Captn. Tyddeman one of the ships Employed to transport Troops & Military Stores for the Expedition to the Soth.ward. The instant that ship arrives We shall begin lading her with Bales & dispatch her to England as early as possible.

We shall send your Honour &ca. by the Warren whatever Bullion We are able to procure & shall honor any bills you may draw on Us You may therefore take in all money's offered for Bills on this Presidency.

The Bills you have drawn on us by the London We have duly honoured.

The Cuddalore sloop belonging to Your Presidency having fallen to leeward of your Port the Master of her bore away for Bengal your Honour &ca. will find we have Converted her into a Scooner Which We did in Consequence of a Representation from our Master Attendant she is now dispatch'd to your Place with 200 Bags of Rice as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading amounting to Currt. Rs. 495–6 List of Stores supplied that vessel with & the amount of her Expences here & Disbursements made by Captn. Baker are enclosed in this Packet.

If you do not meet with a ready vendg. the Copper you have in your Warehouse, We request your Honour &ca. will forward it to Bengal where that article is in great Demand.

By the Honble Company's Commands of the 8th. of March 1758 the Honble Robert Clive Esqr. is appointed President and Governour of their affairs in Bengal.

The Warren's Packet for your Presidency We forward by this Conveyance having been obliged to open it for the necessary Papers.

We are

Fort William the 24 Decr. 1758.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. humbe. Servant[s]

Robert Clive.
Wm. Watts.
Richd. Beeher.
Wm. Frankland.
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddan.

Since writing the above We have paid Mr. Thomas Kelsal for Bills drawn by him on Mr. Charles Floyer ten Thousand Arcot Rs. first bill for which We now enclose.

Robert Clive.
Wm. Watts.
Richd. Beeher.
Wm. Frankland
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddan.

No. 3.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Cuddalore schooner calling here to [. . . .] some stores affords me an Oppertunity of paying you my Respects. In the last by the Thames, I gave you an account of Colonel Fordes succ[ess] and the acquisitions made to the Company by it; The 23d. & 24th. last Month he passed his Camp over Rajahmundrum River, in order to March to Metchlipatam, but some words arising between the Rajah and him upon the subject of Money, and some other parts of his Conduct, We repassed that River the 26th. or 27th. which so frightned the Rajah that he fled seventy Miles distant, and has not been yet prevailed on to join him. This has given fresh spirits to the French. Mr. Panon is returned from Narsapore which prevents my people from keeping possession, either of that place Bandar Malanka, and others Adjacent, and from receiving any thing from any of the other Ports (indeed the greatest part of the last Years Money has been already paid to the Rajah). The Colonel has wrote me pressingly to come to him, and as I am sensible the Publick Service makes it necessary I shall go though such a Journey at present is very inconsistent, both with my Health and the nature of my buiness here.

The 27th. last Month came here fifty French Prisoners, a number much too Large to be kept here considering the small force We have to Guard them, I shall send them to Bengal as opportunity offers—and I must request that your Honour &ca. will let all Vessells that leave Your Port for Calcutta be ordered to touch here, as well to assist the Colonel upon any occasion as to Carry advices to the President & Council of Fort William.

The Differences with the Hill Rajahs are accommodated, and every thing quiet on this side the Country.

I am with the greatest Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

VIZAGAPATAM
5TH. JANUARY 1759.

P.S.—I hope your Honour &ca. will Improve the first occasion to send me some money, as I shall be in great want.

Inclosed comes Indents of stores wanted here.

VIZAGAPATAM 5TH JANUARY 1759.

AN INDENT of Wares wanting at this Settlement, Vizt.

		Pieces.
BROAD CLOTH.		
Super Fine Scarlet 20 Ps. Blue	4 ps.	24
BROAD CLOTH FINE.		
Scarlet	Ps 40	
Yellow	20	
Emmeral Green	20	100
Blue	20	
AURORA	..	30
BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY.		
Red	Ps. 30	
Blue	30	
Green	30	120
Emeral Green	30	
PERPETUANOES ORDINARY.		
Red	Ps 20	
Green	20	
Yellow	20	100
Emmeral Green	20	
Blue	20	
PETTY MERCHANDIZE.		
Spectacles	..	..
Knives	..	..
Sizars	..	..
Spying Glasses	..	..
CAMBLETS Red 2 Ps Blue 2 peices	..	4

VIZAGAPATAM 5TH JANUARY 1759.

AN INDENT of Stores wanting at this Settlement Viz .

		TUN.	CT.	QR.	LB.
LEAD		2	—	—	—
GENERAL STORES					
Iron Square Barrs	— 15 ..				
Flat Do.	1 5 —	2	—	—	—
Rod Iron		—	2	—	—
Bolt Iron	..	—	2	—	—
Iron Hoops for Water Casks	..	—	2	—	—

		Tun.	Ct.	Qr.	Lb.
Twine, Europe Fine		—	1	—	—
D°. Course		—	—	1	—
Bengal		—	2	2	—
Junck		—	2	—	—
Rattans 30 Bundles					
Europe Canvass 10 Bolts					
Europe Cordage					
1 Cable of 9 Inches					
1 D°. of 8 D°.					
2 Hawsers each of 6 Inches					
2 D°. of 5 D°.					
Spike Nails		—	1	—	—
Tin		—	2	—	—
6 Tuzzels of Different Kinds					
Anchors 2					
Gunners Stores.					
Brass Compasses	5		..		
Wooden D°.	10		..		
Half hour Glasses	4		..		
One hour D°.	4		..		
Pad Locks	20		..		
Locks with wooden Stocks	10		..		
D°. Iron rimm'd	10		..		
Brass Locks of Different sizes	24		..		
Smalt	..	—	1	—	—
Red Lead 1·1—Smalt 1	..	—	2	1	—
White D°.		—	1	1	—
Linseed Oil	3 Jarrs		..		
Wood Oil	2 D°.		..		
Tin Lanthorns	6		..		
Dark D°.	5		..		
Hand Lines	10		..		
Logg Lines	10		..		
Deep sea Lines	5		..		

Factors Provisions

Country Paper 50 Quires.

N°. 4.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S^t. George,

&c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since closing mine of Yesterday Captn. Baker telling me he could carry four of the French Prisoners, without any danger, and I being willing by all possible means to get rid of them, do now send by him Two Coffrees, One Portuguize and One Europian.

I am with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Vizagapatam
6th January 1759.

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

John Andrews.

No. 5.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you by Pattamar on the 2nd. instant a ℘ accompanying Duplicate, and this Address waits on Your Honour &ca. by the Tilbury, Britannia Winchelsea, Shaftesbury and Prince of Wales, which proceed for your Presidency under Convoy of his Majesty's Ship Queenborough and the Revenge Cruizer but the Rhoda is detained by some Repairs, which the Commander has represented to Us as necessary to be done, before she can proceed to Sea.

The Packets by the above ships for Your Honour &ca. have been opened by Us, as We deemed it necessary to take out any which might be intended for Us as well as to know whether the advices to you contained any thing material for Us to be informed of which We hope Your Honour &ca. will therefore excuse, and by which means We have met with a Letter from our Honble Masters, which had not reached Us by other Conveyances, & likewise discovered that some Bales of Cloth, Laden on the Shaftesbury and Prince of Wales, were d'signed for this Market, which the Commanders having delivered, We have given them a proper Receipt for the same, and desire your Honour &ca. will take them up before you deliver their Bills of Lading. The Packets have all been returned to the Commanders.

We have received advice of our Honble Masters ships Drake and True Briton reaching Columbo, on the 13 Ultimo though in great distress from the People they had lost and were rendered incapable of Duty by the Scurvy, the[y] left England the 18th. May in Company with the Stretham and East Court, destined for this Presidency, one of which its imagined went into the Cape of Good Hope and the other parted from them by accident but in what Latitude We are unacquainted.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle

15th. December 1758.

Rd. Bourchier.

T. Byfeld.

Wm. Sedgwicke.

Brabazon Ellis.

Wm. Hornby.

J. Spencer.

T. Whitehill.

Sam: Hough.

P.S.—Captain Inglis of the Shaftesbury having delivered Admiral Pocock a Large mast intended for your Presidency, We desire your Honour &ca. will advise Us of its Cost that you may be credited for it.

N°. 6.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

We dispatch this address purposely to advise your Honour &ca. of the arrival of our Honble Masters Ships Drake & True Briton at Columbo the 13th. Instant in a very distressed condition as will more fully appear by the inclosed Copy's of Letters from Captains Fisher and Scoot & by Captn. Holland of the Success Schooner. We were further informed that they have not hands to weigh their anchors, on this advice we Freighted the Success Schooner & immediately dispatched her to Columbo with 90 Men which assistance, We hope will enable them to make a Quick Dispatch from thence, We are also informed that these two ships left England in Company with two others for Bombay; one of which it is judged has put into the Cape of Good Hope, & the other they accidentally parted Company with but the Drake & True Briton kept together all the Way.

By Private advices We are informed that Admiral Pocock past by Tellicherry the 10 Inst. with all his Squadron, excepting the Newcastle and Queenborough which ships he sent into that Road & they followed him the 12th.

Your Honrs. &ca. favour of the 27th. Ultimo reached us the 18th. Inst. & We shall duly Observe to address you in the manner you point out as Occasions offer.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servts.

Anjengo
the 24 November 1758.

Cha: Crommelin.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.
Wm. Hughes.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last since when nothing material has occurred.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble. Servts.

Anjengo
the 27th. November 1758.

Cha: Crommellin.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.
Wm. Hughes.

N°. 7.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was under date the 3rd. Ultimo advising you of the arrival of eight ships, under the Command of Captn. Tiddeman at Goa.

We now forward this to advise your Honour &c^a^. of the arrival of the Revenge the 29 Ultimo from Bombay, & the day following his Majesty's ship Queenborough with our Hon̄ble Masters ships Britania, Winchelsea, Shaftesbury, Prince of Wales & Tilbury who sailed for your Coast the 31st. in the Evening & had on board the Remainder of the Troops which left England the 6th. March last.

By a Macao Ship imported the same day We learn that seven English ships arrived at Canton Vizt. two from Bengal, one from the Coast of Choromandel, one from Bombay & the Mallabar Coast & three from England one of which is bound to Limpo, but not being able to reach that Port, was gone to Canton where there were arrived, one Swede, one Dane & 3 Dutch ships.

We are further informed that about 2 Ultimo this Macao ship met with an English man of War of fifty Guns, near the Island Poola Ore standing towards the China Seas, which We judge was the Pitt.

Our Hon̄ble Masters ships Drake and True Briton imported here from Columbo the 9 Ultimo and, sailed the 11th. Evening for Bombay.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Anjengo
the 14th. January 1759.

Cha: Crommelin.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.
Willm. Hughes.

P.S.—Since closing the above we are informed by private advices from Tellicherry that our Hon̄ble Masters Ships Stretham & East Cort from England appeared off Onore the 23 Ulto. in their Way to Bombay.

Cha: Crommelin.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.
Wm. Hughes.

No. 8.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Madrass.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We take this oppertunity of advising you of the state of the Hon̄ble Companys affairs at this place, and as it has been perhaps one of the most considerable branches of their Trade to the Eastward, We can't help thinking it at this time particularly well worth your consideration.

When we left England, the Company were Very bare of all sorts of Tea's; and on our arrival here to find four of the Ships destined for this place the last season, to have lost their passage and only replaced by three this, as also seven more of this years ships not arriving from accidents we are at present unacquainted with, are circumstances that appear to us alarming with regard to the Companys business here;

We therefore can't help recommending it to you the next season, so far as it is in your power, that the ships destined for this Port this Year, may be enabled to arrive here as early as possible, the next; for if they should be late as the ships that went to Bengal the last year were, We are affraid it may be of bad consequence; We are sorry to find that those ships were so much weakened by having so many of their hands taken out by the men of War, and replaced only by a few Lascars, who would not enter to come further than this place; and here, there are no men to be got, which puts Us in some dought [*sic*] of their safety.

We are certainly informed that the s Catharina took on board in Madras Road 120 Pieces of Scarlet Cloth from Pondicherry which were consigned to French Gentlemen here the prevention of which in future We doubt not your using Your utmost endeavours.

We shall be much obliged to you, and think it may be of service to the Company, If you will take the earliest and all proper occasions of advising the Residents here of the situation of affairs with you, and particularly with regard to the shipping for this place; which may be a direction to them, in providing their Cargoes in order for early Dispatch.

We here inclose you a Price Current of Merchandize vendable at this place, for your Observation.

We are

Canton
15th. Decr. 1758.

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants

Hen. Palmer.
Jno. Burrow.
G. Manoevites.
Thos. Lockwood.
Wm. Mackenzie.
Francis Wood.
Js. Flint.

P.S.—The ships that have arrived here this year in the service of the Honble Company are the Hawke, Capt. Drake, the Osterley, Captn. Vincent, the Pr. Henry, Captain Best, the Tavistock, Capt. Jinkins, the Boscawn, Capt. Braund, the Fox, Captn. Hume.

There are also six Foreign ships Viz. 2 Dutch for Europe, 1 for Batavia, 2 Sweeds & 1 Dane.

Price Current 1758.

Amber 3 Ps a Catty ꝑ Catty	Ts	—	—
Assafetida Tales 30 to ꝑ pecul	35	—	—
Benjamin 1st. Sort	20	—	—
2d. Do.	10	—	—
Beetle Nut Batavia ꝑ Malabar	2	—	—
Do. Cochin China	3	—	—
Bezoar ꝑ Catty	18	—	—
Birds Nest Very fine	9	—	—
2d. Sort	4	—	—
Cardemums White	38	—	—
Do. Black	28	—	—
Cloth Cuttings ꝑ Catty	1	2	—
Cloves pecul	145	—	—
Copper Tapan	,,	,,	,,

Camphire Baroos 1st. Sort, 2d. Do, 3d. Do	ꝑ Catty	5	—	—
Cotch Pegu 1st. Sort, 2d. Do	Pr. Pecul	5	—	—
	N.B. the large Black sort best.			
Coral Beeds very fine		90	—	—
Branch—				
Cotton Surat		12	5	—
Dragons Blood 1st. Sort		22	—	—
Elephants Teeth 3 a pecul		48	—	—
4 Do		46	—	—
10 Do		35	—	—
20 Do		28	—	—
Flints		..	7	..
Gensing Canada		..	..	..
Gogul		1	5	—
Incense or Olibanum		4	—	—
Lead		3	—	—
Do Read		2	2	—
Myrrh 1st. Sort		40	—	—
2d. Do.		30	—	—
Nutmegs	Pr. Pecl.	85	—	—
Pepper, Malabar		14	—	—
Do Long		10	—	—
Perpets		—	—	—
Putchuck		40	—	—
Rattans		1	6	—
Rosum Alloes		40	—	—
Red Wood		3	—	—
Sago		6	—	—
Seed Pearl ꝑ Catty		50	—	—
Sharks Fins	Pr. Pecul.	28	—	—
Smalts or Blue		10	—	—
Sticklack		12	—	—
Swallow or Becho, da. Mar, best sort		40	—	—
2d. Do.		25	—	—
3d. Do.		10	—	—
White Do.		3	—	—
Tin		12	5	—
Tortoise Shell		50	—	—
Wax		16	—	—
Wood Aquala		..	..	..
Do. black		2	—	—
Do. Sandal 1st. Sort		7	5	—
2d. Do.		5	5	—
Timore		2	5	—

No. 9.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George

&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In mine of the 5 January I informed you of the Difference between the Rajah & Colonel Forde and that I was setting out a second time for Camp, which I did the 9th. and the 13th. in the Morning mett the Colonel at Peddapore, the Rajah was fled to the Hills at a Considerable distance, I renewed my journey that afternoon in pursuit of him, and reached him the 15th. with great difficulty and the strongest assurance of safety & good Treatment I prevailed upon him to return, He joined the Colonel the 18th. But the impression his fears had made upon him, caused him to throw so many obstacles in my way, that it was the 26th. before I could settle matters in such manner as to secure the payment of the Army, and make him resolve to accompany them to Metchlipatam. I settled the accounts for the Camp Charges and Officers Batta for 3 Months amounting to one hundred & sixty Eight Thousand Rupees (168,000) for sixty six thousand of which I gave the Colonel Soukars Bills, payable in Ten days; Ready money, six thousand, Bills on several Jemmidars payable in a Month for Eighty four thousand; the other one hundred & twenty thousand I received at Vizanagram and sent from hence on my arrival.

That the Rajah might not be too hard pressed nor We at a loss for future payments it is agreed that whatever Provinces they shall possess themselves of, on the other side Rajahmundrum River (those belonging to the French Company by Grant, and which of right devolve to ours, excluded) shall be equally devided between the Colonel & the Rajah, out of which moiety the latter is to pay his troops.

On Receipt of the Soukars Money and mine the army passed the River, & I believe are now pretty near Metchlipatam.

The French by this delay have had too much time to recover their Freight & Collect their Troops; had We followed the first blow there would have been none to oppose Our entrance into that place.

Enclosed are Copys of mine of the both which were wrote before I knew of the Investiture of your place Accounts since have been few and imperfect but favorable, and tended to relieve the anxiety I could not but be under on this occasion till by Letters received here the first Instant from Pullicat, I heard that the French raised the seige that night. Permit me Honble Sir, & Sirs to Congratulate you on the Gallant defence of a place of so much Importance, on the fate of which the Companys interest in India so much depended, a Defence so Glorious to our Nation in General and Yourselves in particular.

By the Snow Concern I send your Honour &ca. Two Hundred & fifty Nine Bales of Cloth, as pr. Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed, all that my time (near two Months of which has been spent in Camp) or indeed my money would permit me to procure had I been authorised to act otherwise (considering that it is most Brown, & cannot go home now, and the situation your place must be in for the last long siege) I would not have troubled you with it before September.

I have settled the account of Freight of this Vessell to the 11th. Instant being five Months, four of which, and somewhat more I have brought to account; for the remainder I have received Freight here and paid the Owners, what more may become due from the 11th. Instant you will be pleased to pay them at your place.

Bussula Jung (Brother to Salabad Jung) is upon the March from Golcondah this Way, I cannot yet learn his designs, the Colonel writes me he reports that he is coming Nabob of Chicakeel, I have sent my Vackeel to meet him, as I think We ought by all means endeavour to prevent his joining the French.

The Governour & the Gentlemen of the Select Committee of Fort William dispatched the Mermaid Sloop Capt. Low is hither, with a chest of Gold Rupees for the Use of Colonel Forde, she has unfortunately run ashore at Calingapatam The money I have got safe here, and have sent Boats to secure whatever Stores, or necessarys may be got out of her, They write they shall send two Lac of Rupees more here by the Warren for the same purpose.

With this comes duplicate Indents for Wares & stores wanting at this place, to which I have only to add, that you will be pleased to send me as soon as may be, a large supply of Madras Pagodas & Rupees, which will enable me to make a considerable Investment this Year, & that I am with the greatest Respect

VIZAGAPATAM
4TH. MARCH 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

P.S.—Inclosed comes the accounts of this place for four Months past.

No. 10.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed you will receive duplicate of our Address by the Cuddalore Schooner under date the 24th. Ultimo since when We have had the pleasure to receive your favours by the Mermaid Sloop, with the two hundred Barrels of Gunpowder, including the fifty which were taken out by Colonel Forde at Vizagapatam.

Conformable to what We wrote you by the Cuddalore Schooner, We now dispatch the Warren to your Presidency to take in the Remainder of her Cargo for Europe, We have laden on her bags 2800 of Rice & 500 Bags of wheat for the Use of Your Settlement with Sundry other articles amounting as ℔ Bill of Lading, and Invoice enclosed to C Rs. 41,172–12–9 & for Your further Guidance We transmit you an abstract of the Goods Laden on her for Europe.

The 8 Instant arrived the Honble Companys Ship Bombay Castle and We have the pleasure to inform you the Prince George imported here the 18th. Instant the former of these Ships We have stationed for your Settlement & to relieve the Hardwick who We have Ordered to proceed directly from Vizagapatam to Bencoolen to take in the remainder of the Pepper the Gentlemen of that place may have ready for Europe, the Prince George will be dispatch'd directly home some time next month.

The London sailed from Ingelie for Bencoolen the 15 Instant with 280 Tons of Salt Petre & 30 Tons of Redwood.

Enclosed We send you first Bill of Exchange on William Percival Esqr. for A Rs. 7236–14–3 payable to Your selves or Order at 15 days sight & second Bill on Mr. Charles Floyer for A.Rs. 10,000 the first of which was forwarded you by the Cuddalore Schooner.

We have consigned you by this ship 3 Chests of Gold received from Europe and request that you will take all opportunities of drawing upon Us to save the risque of sending money from hence.

As We shall be in want of Redwood We beg you will supply us as early as possible with 200 Tons.

We last season recommended to you to obtain satisfaction if possible for the Losses sustained by the Owners of the Northumberland, We beg leave to repeat our Recommendation, & hope you will take the first opportunity of getting what redress may be in Your Power.

Our Engineer being in want of Assistants, & having apply'd to us for Mr. Thos. Amphlett, We have given him our permission to remain here, Which We hope you will approve of, & that it will be no prejudice to his standing on your Settlement.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort William.
25 January 1759.

Robert Clive.
Richd. Beecher.
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddam.
L. S. Playdell.
John Cooke

No. 11.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing the inclosed of the 25th. Ultimo the Select Committee have acquainted us with the situation of your settlement on which account We have judged it most prudent to take out the Bales We had Laden on the Warren & now leave her to your disposal, as We imagine you have nearly Bales sufficient to dispatch her to Europe, or should you be reduced to the necessity of sending her home a little dead freighted, We think it more eligible than risqueing the Bales to Madras at this Juncture.

By this alteration We shall be able to dispatch two Ships directly to Europe besides the Worcester, We are therefore to request you will send one of the China ships to relieve the Hardwick if she still remains at Vizagapatam that We may return her home within Charter party time but if you should have advice that she cannot be with us in due time We desire you will send a ship to us to carry the remainder of our Investments, as it would be a great Disappointment & Loss to the Company to have a ships Cargo lay here a whole season.

The Bombay Castle will be laden with Provisions & dispatch'd to you as soon as possible.

Colonel Forde being in Want of Money for his Military Proceedings, & Mr. Andrews for carrying on the Investments, We have already sent Three thousand five hundred Gold Mohurs by the Mermaid Sloop & have laden on this ship two Lack twenty six Thousand Rupees.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that by a Country Vessell lately arrived, We heard that the Pitt was safe in the Straits of Mallacca.

As We are willing to embrace all opportunities of getting the French out of Bengal, We have sent thirteen Gentlemen Prisoners on board the Warren & have accounted with Captain Glover for his expences in accommodating them to Madrass.

We have had great reason to imagine that the Danes have supplied our Enemies with Provisions; in Order to prevent it in future We have detained a Ship of theirs said to be bound to Tranquebar, & now dispatch her to your presidency under the Escort of the Warren, & leave it to you Gentlemen to settle with the Chief of Tranquebar in such a manner, as you may think most proper.

As We are at present in great want of Madeira Wine at this Settlement We hope you will take the opportunity of sending us a proportion of the supply you may receive by the China Ships.

It being necessary for Mr. Richard Wilder to remain sometime in Bengal to compleat his intended regulations in the Silk Manufacture We have consented to his staying here another Season.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

Fort William
2 February 1759.

Robert Clive.
....
C. Manningham.
Richd. Beecher.
....
W. Frankland.
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
John Cooke.

As We hope you will be able to dispatch the Warren home We have let the stores for St. Helena remain on board.

We have paid Mr. Smith the Surgeon of the Warren C Rs. 346 10 9 for his attendance & Medicines for 78 of the Kings Troops which came out on that Ship.

List of the Packet ℔ Warren.

2 Letters for Madras.
Duplicate ℔ Cuddalore.
Invoice of Goods.
Invoice of Treasure.
Invoice ℔ Warren.
Bills of Lading for Treasure & Goods.
Bills of Exchange.
1 Letter to Madras.
2 Do.
3 Duplicate.
4 Invoice of Goods for Madras.
5 Invoice ℔ Warren.
6 Bills of Lading for Goods.
7 Bills of Lading for Treasure.
8 Bills of Exchange on Wm. Percival Esqr. for A.R. 7236. 14. 3.
9 Bill of Exchange on Mr. Chas. Floyer for A.R. 10,000.
10 Warren's Charter Party.
11 Bill of Lading of the Warren for Fort St. George.

No. 12.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Agreable to the Orders of the Honble the President and Council of Fort William I proceeded on board the ship Warren to dispatch her for Madrass.

I have this day Delivered to Capt. Mphs. Glover his Dispatches I have mustered his ships Company and having surveyed the Guns Ammunition &ca. on Board and find them as follows.

Men 99 & a Boy.

Gun 26.

Barrels of Powder 50.

Rounds of Shotts 30.

With Ammunition & Small Arms in proportion, the Ship appears in very good order Draws 18 foot forward and 19 foot abaft & is in a proper Condition to make a Good Defence against an Enemy.

I wish her a safe a speedy Passage to Madrass.

And am with Due Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hume. Sert.
Ja: Barton.

Inclosed I send a List of French Gentlemen Passengers who are on parole. I was ordered by the Honble Presit. & Council to dispatch the Warren immediately on my arrival without staying to take in the remainder of the Company's rice there is deficient of what mentioned in the Bill of Loading 260 Bags of Fine 549 Course 13 Bags of Patchare Rice.

No. 13.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the pleasure to receive your favour of the 1st. Instant ℔ Catherine Sloop Duplicates of mine of the 4th. come herewith, by which you will observe that I had settled the difference between the Colonel & Rajah, and made Provision for the Expence of the Army.

The President & Council of Fort William have sent me by the Warren, to the amount of Two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) Current Rupees, with permission to make Use of such part as might be spared from the Camp Charges for my Investment, but as the greatest part of that sum is in Sonat Rupees, at the Batta of 11 ℔ Cent, and which will pass for no more than Arcot here, I cannot think of making use of them at so great a disadvantage; therefore hope you will be pleased to send me as soon as possible, a large supply of Madrass Pagodas, & Rupees, as nothing hinders the making of a very considerable Investment.

Colonel Forde, is now before Metchlipatam, whether he has began to carry on any Works against that place I have not yet heard.

I cannot help remarking to your Honour &c[a]. that Gaujaput Rauge is a Very Weak and unexperienced Prince; Perfideous & dastardly, by no means to be trusted on any Important occasion; I believe Affairs will oblige me to make another Journey to camp very soon.

Agreable to your Instructions I have informed all the Merchants in this Country that your Port is free of Customs to the last of August next, many Vessells are gone from the several Rivers this Way, from the Owners of which I have taken security for their going to you.

I hope you will comply with our Indent for Stores, as soon as suits your Convenience, they being much wanted.

M[r]. Le Firre, a French Officer and Prisoner here having requested permission to go to Madrass, takes his Passage on the Warren.

I am with the greatest Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Serv[t].

VIZAGAPATAM
16 MARCH 1759.

JOHN ANDREWS.

N[o]. 14.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I addressed myself to your Honours by the Fanny Snow Cap[t]. Thomas Hague who sailed from hence the 7th. of May last for Bengal by which Conveyance I then forwarded the Publick accounts of this Settlement together with the Occurrances and Transactions from 1st. of January 1757 to the 31st. March 1758 both days Inclusive. Duplicates of the General Letter and such other Papers as were sent at that time (exclusive of the Publick Accounts) are herewith Inclosed.

On the 11 Instant imported here the Charlotte Schooner Cap[t]. William Swallow from Queda (somewhere about the Streights of Mallacca) laden with Tin and bound directly for Bengal, by which Conveyance I have now the Hon[r]. to address you.

The Honble Company's Long Boat which has been absent from this Island ever since Nov[r]. 1757 (of which I advised your Honours in a General Letter of Last Januarys date) was picked up by Cap[t]. Swallow at Quedah with the European (Michal Martin Cen[t].) and 14 Black People; Ten of the Black fellows escaped somewhere about that part of the Country, the long boat with the European & 4 of the Black People he has now brought along with him at the Negrais and has delivered them into my Charge they being the Honble Company's property and belonging to this Settlement. As Captain Swallow has taken a great deal of trouble in bringing hither the said Long Boat and People for the service of the Honble Company I think it therefore my Duty to represent his behaviour as Deserving the thanks of your Honours on this occasion.

I humbly intreat that Your Honours will please to forgive my being impatient to have some advices sent me for the Regulation of my Conduct in Respect to this Settlement not having any one Rule for my Guide in this troublesome station, or knowing whether any one Step which I have taken may be approved of by Your Honours. This I can aver (before the Supreme Judge

of the Universe) that I have forward the Honble Company's Interest to the Utmost of my abilities and have Constantly followed such measures for the Prosperity and Improvement of this Settlement as has been apparently for the Best and in this have I succeeded almost beyond My Expectations, I have taken from time to time so much pains for to Cultivate and Preserve the friendship of the Burmahs (who are most Certainly an odd set of People to deal with) that they are now to all appearance faster Friends than ever to the Honble Company, and We are only in Want of stores and artificers for to make this in time a flourishing and I believe a profitable Settlement to the Honble Company.

In a late Conference with the Persaim Prince, He has made a firm ingagement to me that the Hoñble Company shall have the Refusal of all the Teak Timber and Planks which are to be got on this side of the Kingdom and that they shall be sent to Persiam for the sole Purchase of the Honble Company and for no private trade whatsoever. To Convince Your Honours of this truth and as a specimen of ye. said Ingagement I must inform you that I have already received and paid for above two thousand Teak Timbers of several Dimentions being in General Very fine sticks, some of which are of a great Length and thickness and am in Expectation of receiving above 1000 more in a very short time Your Honours will Justly Imagine that I have in all this time been put to great Straits for want of Cash both on this account purchasing Timbers as well as on many other Occasions for the support of the Settlement and Expecting Opportunities had offered at times for me to give Bills upon the Presidencies of Fort St. George and Bengal for Cash Received here upon the Honble Company's Account it would have been impossible for me to have maintained the Settlement so long as I have the Honble Companys Cash would have been quite Exhausted many months ago.

I hope therefore with all humility that the just steps which I have Constantly pursued may be approved of by your Honours and that you will please to order such supplies of all kinds for the service and Improvement of this Settlement as appeareth to your Judgements to be best for the Interest of the Honble United Company.

By a General Letter from the Honble Governour and Council at Bengal Dated October 6th. 1757 I was Informed that a Large Ship called the Drake had been taken up for to bring stores to the Negrais and was to have returned to Bengal laden with Teak Timbers upon the Honble Companys account for the service of some new fortifications which were then, going to be erected at Calcutta.

As the said ship Drake arrived at Dagon some time in July last as ℘ Advice thereof from Capt. John Mills a Copy of whose Letter to me I have herewith Inclosed to your Honours and there being as I am lately informed an Embargo laid on all the Vessells at that Port (tho' on what account I am not well informed) there is at Present but little probability of her Coming to the Negrais for to carry away the Timber she was designed for, I hope therefore Your Honours will be pleased to Order some Vessells here sufficient for their Transportation to one of the Honble Company's principal Settlements lest the Enemy should Get intelligence of our having so valuable a stock here, which might (not improbably) be an Inducement for them to pay Us a Visit on purpose.

I am to acquaint Your Honours that Ensign Robert Lester departed this Life after a short Illness on the 28th. of August last as did Mr. George Norris (who was Entertained as a Master Carpenter to the Settlement) on the 31st. July before, having taken a regular Inventory of Ensign Lesters Effects there was no will to be found or any Papers relating to the Disposal of what he died possessed of and as the principal part of his Effects was in ready money I have put that with what arose from the sale of his Wearing apparel &ca. altogether

into the Honble Company's Cash amounting in the whole (all Charges Deducted)
A.Rs. a. p.
to arcot Rupees 4615–7–7 and they are to be accountable for that sum to the Lawfull Heirs of the Deceased, M^{r}. Norris Deceased having left a Will in favour of one of the Military here in Pursuance of which his Effects were therefore Delivered.

I have been long in Expectation of Receiving some advices from Your Honours concerning the Fort William Guard Ship which has now been a Long time in a Very leaky Condition and as I am humbly of opinion that it is absolutely necessary for some vessell of Force to Remain here for the security of the Settlement, I therefore hope that your Honours will please to order one to Relieve the Fort William as soon as possible as it is judged she wil not be able [to] swim another season here.

I have taken the Liberty to Draw Bills of Exchange upon your Honours Dated May 31st. 1758 for the sum of Arcot Rupees Six thousand 6000 in favour of George Mackay Esqr. or Order and I hope the same will meet with your Honours acceptance, value being received here by me on account and use of the Honble United East India Company. As also another sett of Bills Dated Novr. 15,1758 for the sum of one thousand two hundred forty four Rupees three anas
C.Rs. a. p.
two pice 1244. 3. 2 in favour of George Mackay Esqr. or Order being money that is due to the Estate of the Deceased Capt. John Howes and I hope the same will meet with your Honours acceptance, value being received by me here on account & use of the Honble United East India Company.

I have Received a Letter from M^{r}. Archibald Swinton Surgeon to the Settlement requesting he might have liberty to quit the Honble Company's Service that he might proceed with the Schooner Charlotte Capt. Swallow for Bengal—also have Received a Letter (wrote by M^{r}. Swinton) from a Danish young Gentleman (as the Person does not Understand English) who came here a Passenger with Capt. Swallow from Queda and it seems has been a Surgeon to a Danish Factory somewhere upon one of the Nicobar Islands, Copy's of which with my answers to M^{r}. Swinton I have herewith Inclosed—and hope that my behaviour therein will be approved of by your Honours.

I must once more beg that Your Honours will please to take the Distressed state of this almost abandoned settlement into your wise and serious Consideration not having any one Person for to assist me either by Hand or advice in Carrying forward such Works as are most Immediately necessary for our Preservation and for the security of the Honble Company's Island, The New Factory at Persiam is under the Care of M^{r}. Bulkley Hope a Person already mentioned and whom I have appointed to act as Resident there Ever since last May—As I have found him to be a Capable man in transacting Business and by understanding the Country Languages—I have allowed him to charge 50 Rs. per month for acting as Resident & 50 more for his Table Expences &c^{a}. and I humbly hope what I have done in that Respect will be agreable to your Honours as it would be impossible for me to transact any material Business with the Burmahs without his Assistance.

The Business of Writing is at Present rather more than I can Well manage as I have no Person but a young Portugueze Lad to assist me—and as my health and Eye Sight are both Considerably impaird, It is almost impossible that I can go thro the necessary business of the Settlement in so correct and judicious a manner as may perhaps be required of me. I must therefore hope for your Honours indulgence in making some allowance on that score & that you will please to look upon my actions and behaviour in the most favourable light that is Possible being very confident that I have taken no steps but what has always been apparently for the Honble Companys Interest.

Mr. Christopher Koffe late a Monthly Writer and who acted as Storekeeper on this Establishment thot. it proper to quit the Honble Companys Service ever since last August on Pretence only that he had some Business of Consequence to transact at Bengal which required his Presence there he has therefore left the Island without my Consent on Board of the Sloop Elizabeth, Herbert Sutherland Master who sailed from hence the 5th. Instant Bound to Point De Gall upon the Island Ceylon.

I am therefore to Represent to your Honours the Behaviour of Capt. Sutherland on this Occasion he having given me his Word not for to take away any Person whatsoever from off the Island without my Permission Moreover one of the Best lascars we had upon the Island has been missing ever since and I have great reason to believe he was likewise concealed on Board of the Same Vessell—I hope therefore Your Honours will be pleased to take proper Notice thereof in due time lest it should be an Encouragement for others to distress the Honble Company's Settlement in the Like manner.

I have herewith inclosed a General Return of the Military & Train from the 6th. of May last to the Present 16th. of Novr. 1758 and I hope your Honours will please to give some Orders & Directions Concerning what few remains here that they may be Properly Cloathed as the Poor Fellows have three years Cloathing due to them on the Christmas Evening (excepting those recruits which were landed here last Janry. out of the Europe ships) five of which are since dead and as it is impossible for me to get them Properly Cloathed here, as the Materials are not to be had neither have We Workmen sufficient to Undertake the jobb.

In my last General Letter to Your Honour dated May 7th. 1758 I most humbly Intreated that you would please to Order me to be relieved and that I might have Permission to Return to Fort St. George by the first Proper Conveyance I do therefore in all humility and with the most Profound Respect renew my addresses to your Honours on that Head for I find my health is greatly gone to decay and my Eye Sight in particular is so much Impaired that it is impossible for me to transact the whole Business of the Settlement with that Exactness which I could wish or that is indeed requisite for the Interest of the Honble Company.

I must refer all I have now said to your Honour's superior Judgement not doubting but you will take such speedy measures for our relief, in every shape as shall appear just and equitable and for the Interest of the Honble United East India Company.

And am

Negrais — Honble Sir & Sirs

Novr. 16th. 1758. — Your most obedient and most humble Servant

Thomas Newton.

No. 15.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council

of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am to acquaint your Honours that The Fort William Guard Ship has of late proved so very leaky that I have found it necessary she should be forthwith dispatched for Bengal (Notwithstanding the Necessity of having a Vessell of

Force to remain here) to prevent the misfortune of her sinking in the Harbour. The said ship was therefore discharged the Honble Company's service as a Guard ship to this Settlement on the 6th. day of September 1758 and has since taken on board One Hundred and thirty Teak Timbers which are to be delivered at the Presidency of Bengal on account of the Honble Company, I have Wrote to the Honble the President and Council at Fort William acquainting them with my Proceedings herein and requesting that some armed Vessel may be sent here to supply the place of the Fort William as a Guard Vessell for the greater security of the Honble Company's property and Settlement—I have also once more taken the liberty to send an Indent for Sundry Stores Artificers and Working People in which care has been taken to Insert nothing but what is Immediately Wanted as well for the Perservation of the lives of the Honble Company's Servants as for the safety of this their settlement & excepting Sufficient Supplies are sent here very shortly it is next to an Impossibility that the place can be maintained for a much Longer time Why this Settlement alone should be so intirely Neglected is certainly much beyond my Comprehension I am greatly Embarrassed in guessing at the reason why I should be judged so far unworthy the Notice of your Honours as never to Receive a singal line by Way of advice or to have an answer to any one of my Letters ever since I have Commanded at this Settlement which is now between two and three years It is a Long time thus to be kept in Total Ignorance whether any of my Proceedings have been right or wrong or whether any one step which I have taken be approved of or not by your Honours—I do therefore most humbly intreat that your Honours will please to relieve me out of this Perplexed State of Uncertainty, by taking the Condition of this Distressed Settlement into your serious Consideration for We are now reduced to that Exigency as makes it absolutely Necessary we should be relieved in some shape or other and that in a very short time.

I must beg your Honours Pardon for mentioning a Circumstance that has given me no little anxiety which is being Informed of a considerable Number of Officers who are much younger in the service than myself and even some who are only Volunteers when I left Fort St. George that are since appointed Captains of Companies when at the same time I can get no account whether I am any higher advanced in the Companys service than when I first arrived from England which was on the 10th. day of June 1754 having constantly done the Military duty and Received the Pay of a Lieutenant to this day I do therefore most humbly beseech that Yours Honours will set me Right in this nice affair which so very nearly Concerns my future advancement in the World and I do likewise once more renew my humble addresses that I may be permitted to return to Fort St. George by the first Conveyance that offers. I must also hope for a favourable Construction on what I have now said as there is no doubt but your Honours are certainly the Best Judges whether or no I have just reason to Complain and if I should appear to be too impatient must beg that you will be pleased to Consider our distress and the disappointments We have met with which drives me to it having no One Person here that is Capable of assisting me in forwarding the necessary business of the Honble Company's Settlement and being besides destitute of many of the Comforts of Life which I think myself Intitled to Partake as a Servant to the Honble Company for altho We have plenty of fresh Beef Pork & Turtle Yet I must Inform your Honours that We have been without Arrack Wine & Bread for many months past a small portion thereof of those articles I think We have some right to expect in this forlorn part of the Globe as they are absolutely Necessary for preserving the Healths of the Honble Company's servants who are obliged to remain here. The poor Soldiers have not had a Drop of Arrack for many months together, excepting a very small allowance which I have given to them upon particular occasions out of my own Private stock and as that is now quite exhausted We must in short fare all alike and Drink Water.

The Want of money is likewise another article so very material that without a speedy supply thereof your Honours must be very sensible we cannot well subsist for any Length of time. The Ballance of Cash was only in Favour of
R^{s}. A^{s}.
the Honble Company 1312. 11 on the 30th. of Last Novr. since when I have paid above six thousand rupees for the Purchase of Teak Timbers which together with paying to Necessary Expences of the Settlement for December there will remain a Considerable ballance in my favour—I have herewith Inclosed a Copy of the Indent now sent to Bengal with an Indent for such medicines as We are most in Want of at this time and I hope they will meet with your Honours furtherance and approbation.

In my last General Letter to your Honours Dated Novr. 16th. 1753 it was mentioned that I had received and paid for above two thousand Teak Timbers and that I was then in Expectation of purchasing a Thousand more, I have now the satisfaction to say that I have not been Deceived for since that time I have paid for and Received near two thousand Very fine Teak Timbers many of them of a great Length and thickness so that We have now altogether at Negrais and Persiam Factory above four thousand Teak Timbers all of them paid for upon acco^{t}. of the Honble Company and I could in a short time Increase their Number Considerably if I had but money & Goods to pay for them. I have flattering hopes that my Proceedings in Procuring so Valuable a parcell of Teak Timbers must prove to be very advantageous to our Honble Masters Interest, as it would undoubtedly provided there were a sufficient Number of Vessells sent here in time for to transport them where they are most Wanted they would also be thereby secured out of the Enemy's reach which they Cannot be said to be at this Place.

By this Conveyance I have now transmitted the Publick accounts of this settlement together with the Occurrances and transactions from 1st. April 1758 to the thirty first of Octo^{r}. following both days Inclusive also Duplicates of such Papers as Were sent to your Honours on the Charlotte Schooner Via Bengal and Copy of a Letter from Capt. Charles Miller with my answer to him dismissing the Fort William as a Guard Vessell to the Settlement comes herewith inclosed together with a General Return of the Military and Train to this Present Time.

The Sloop Syriam (of which mention was made to Your Honours in my General Letter dated 7th. May 1758) was left Biding at Anchor in this Harbour whithout One soul on board to take Care of her, the Master M^{r}. Charles Price having left this Vessell in that Conditon and went away in the Fanny Snow to Bengal without my knowledge and on the 20th. following the Sloop Drove on Shore upon the Negrais in a very hard Gale of Wind being in that Distressed situation I judged it a Duty incumbent on me for to take all the Care of her I possible could, proper Persons were therefore Ordered to proceed on Board and to take an Exact Inventory of her Cargo and of every thing Else which they could find on board her and they were safely Deposited within the Fort and afterwards were sold at a Publick Outcry all except the Vessell and Furniture for the Benefit of the Owners. The Vessell was got off without having Received much Damage and has since been Employed occasionally for the service of the settlement, as your Hon^{r}. will perceive more at large in the Publick Accounts Occurrances herewith transmitted since the dismission of the Fort William as a Guard ship I have refitted the said Sirian Sloop as well as the Circumstances of the Place would admit and have mounted some Guns upon her to serve for the Present as a Guard Vessell untill a Better is Ordered here for that Purpose of which I judged it necessary that your Honours should be acquainted and am also to beg your advice concerning the allowance that may be thought proper to make the Owners during her Continuance in that Station.

I am also to acquaint Your Honours that Mr. Archibald Swinton Surgeon of this Place has been often so very urgent and sollicitious for leave to quit the Honble Company's Settlement that I have at last Consented he should proceed on the ship Fort William for Bengal and I have taken the Liberty to appoint Mr. William Just Tetch (a Gentleman mentioned to your Honours in my last) to act as a Surgeons Mate upon this Establishment in his stead.

I have the Honour to be with the most Profound Respect,

NEGRAIS
JANUARY 4TH. 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant,
THOS. NEWTON.

No. 16.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been prevented from addressing you since the Departure of his Majesty's Ship Queenborough the Revenge and their Convoy, by shortly after hearing, that the French Army under the Command of Monsieur Lally, had Invested and Laid Siege to your Place, but your Hons. &ca. Favour of the 29th. Octobr. has reached Us, & the Select Committee have likewise laid before Us, your advices to them under the 17th. December, and 26th. January to which We shall now reply, as the Select Committee's Correspondence agreable to our Honble Masters late Commands, is confined to such Points only, as absolutely require Secresy.

His Majestys Squadron commanded by Vice Admiral Pocock, now proceed for your Coast, accompanied with Our honble Masters Ship Rhoda, The Admiral Watson & True Britain, likewise take the Benefit of their Convoy to Tellicherry, and would have proceeded directly hence for Great Britain on the 27th. Ultimo, had We received a Confirmation of the joyfull news of the Queenborough Revenge &ca. ships having arrived with you, and obliged the Enemy to raise the siege with Considerable Loss, which news has been imported to Us by many Country Letters since the 17th. Ultimo, the Want of Which Confirmation obliges to Order the Admiral Watson & True Briton to touch at Tellicherry or Anjengo in hopes they may there meet with a Confirmation of that important Event.

Our Honble Masters Ship East Court & Stretham imported here the 1st. Ultimo with two Packets, which are now forwarded your Honour &ca. the former is taking in a Returning Cargoe, but not having sufficient Tonnage here, for the latter, We have determined on sending her with a supply of Provisions & Gun Powder to Your Presidency, and to proceed thence to Bengall for Salt Petre & Grain, for this Place, but We now furnish Your Honour &ca. with (412) Four hundred and Twelve Barrells of Gun Powder being as much as the Squadron and Rhoda can take in, amounting to Rupees 13865. 3. 41 as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed.

With respect to Your Honour &ca. Request for a Reinforcement by this Opportunity, We assure you it would afford Us great satisfaction, to be able to to comply therewith & which We should Chearfully have done, conformable to our Conduct for several years past, without your Honour &ca. representing the Necessity of it to Admiral Pocock, had it been in Our Power, but We are to

advise, that We have no Doubt, the Admiral is persuaded of the Contrary & We have accordingly earnesstly entreated our Honble Masters, tosend Us a Recruit of Europeans, as speedily as possible, which is become the more necessary, from our having lately acquired the Possesion of the Castle & Tanka at Surat, countenanced by Part of Mr. Pococks Squadron.

In Consequence of the Admirals Application We have recommended to the Commander of the Pitt, in Expectation of her having Lost her Passage to China & been obliged to put into Batavia, to repair to your Coast, to strengthen the Squadron, & proceed on her Voyage the ensuing Season, with the ships bound for China.

Having landed a mast from the Rhoda for the Service of the Squadron We desire your Honour &ca. will inform Us, the amount We are to Credit your Presidency on that Accot.

Under our Present Circumstances ti is not in our Power to afford the Assistance your Honour &ca. desire for the West Coast, which Our Honble Masters have been apprized of but We shall not fail to do it, as soon as We are able, which We are afraid will be a Considerable time.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Bombay Castle
7th. April 1759.

Richd. Bourchier.
J. Byfield.
Wm. Sedgwicke.
Brabazon: Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
Saml. Hough.

No. 17.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since concluding the accompanying address We have received your letter of the 5th. Ultimo, and those addresses to the Select Committee under the 16th. February & 1st. Ultimo, containing a Confirmation of the Queenborough Revenge and their Convoy being arrived at Your Place, and Monsieur Lally raising the siege, on which We heartily Congratulate you.

Your Honours &ca's. Address to the Court of Directors, reaching Us so opportunely, We forward it by the Admiral Watson, and an attested Copy, by the True Britain, directing the Commanders to proceed directly home, with the Important Intellgence it contains, & they take the Benefit of Admiral Pococks Convoy till they get clear of Ceylone.

We shall comply with your Honours &ca. Request for Military Stores, by the Stretham, as far as We are able, & for Timber and plank as soon as a Conveyance can be procured, but there has been a Quantity provided sometime at Callicut, for Your Presidency, which your Honour &ca. have never sent for.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
7th. April 1759.

Richd. Bourchier.
J. Byfield.
Wm. Sedgwicke.
Brabazon Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
Saml. Hough.

No. 18.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favour by the Sea Horse Sloop enclosing duplicate of your Letter of the 1st. Inst. by the Catherine Sloop.

It is with the greatest pleasure We have learnt from the Select Committee the very Gallant behaviour of your Garrison & the Honor you have acquired in obliging the Enemy to raise the seige of Madrass on which We beg leave most heartily to congratulate you.

In consequence of your Request for Supplies of Treasure & Provisions We shall Embrace every opportunity of assisting you with the former Article & hope to send you by the Vessells about to sail for your Presidency betwixt twelve and Fourteen thousand Bags of Rice & some Wheat.

It is not in Our Power to supply you with Timber and planks as We have no Tonnage but sloops and small Craft. Mr. Newton sometime since informed Us that he had Provided a Very Considerable Quantity & at the same time requested that We would send a Variety of stores which he indented for & represented to Us the Great distress he was reduced to, as We thought Your attention was at that time too much taken up with other matters to take into consideration the situation of that Settlement We came to a resolution to dispatch a sloop to Mr. Newton and directed him to Embark himself with all the Europeans he had with him & to proceed to Us with the Utmost Expedition leaveing only three or four People to secure our Possession and take Care of the Timbers nor are We able to assist you with salt Petre as We have none remaining in Warehouse, but hope you will shortly be furnished with that article as Capt. Weddeburn had five hundred bags on board & the Warren & Hardwicke each of them three thousand.

It has been reported to Us that Monsieur Lally has detained the English Women as Prisoners and made a Demand for their ransom and that he has demolished many of the Houses belonging to the Inhabitants of Madrass We should be Glad to know from Your Authority the truth of these Circumstances as it May be a Guide to Us in our Conduct towards the People of Chandernagore.

We have two Chests of Treasure in our Godowns N°. 4 B B N°. 5 F B the latter Said to be Gold which We are informed was Consigned to your Settlement as they are not mentioned in any of our Ivoices or Manifests we should be Glad if You can Advise Us whose property they are.

The Attorney's of Mr. Drake have made a demand on Us for the Freight of the Ship Fort William from the time she Was detained at the Negrais by Mr. Newton. We once before requested that you Gentlemen would adjust this affair. We must now desire that you will acquaint Us what was the Burthen and sailing Charges of the Ship George which you employed on the same service.

As the Inhabitants in General are greatly Distressed for Want of the usual supply of Madeira Wine we must request you will assist Us with as much as you can spare out of the quantity you received by the China Shops.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble. Servts.

FORT WILLIAM
MARH. 20TH. 1759.

... ...
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BEECHER.
WM. FRANKLAND.
WM. MACKETT.
WM. Mc. GWIRE.

No. 19.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In Order to supply you with Grain and Provisions We have freighted the Brigantine Charly, Thomas Swaine Commander on account of the Company at 4000 Arcot Rupees for which She is to Carry one hundred Tons We have laden on her four Chests each containing ten thousand Sont. Rupees, Some Rice and other kind of Provisions as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed which We are to desire may be landed within twenty days after her arrival at Madrass as We have agreed with the Owner that she shall be discharged within that time.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

FORT WILLIAM
27 MARCH 1759.

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C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BEECHER.
WM. FRANKLAND.
J. L. HOLWELL.
WM. MACKETT.
THOS. BODDAM.
C. S. PLAYDELL.
WM. Mc. GWIRE.
JOHN COOKE.

This Vessell carrying but 90 Tons We have paid the Freight for her accordingly.

No. 20.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what We wrote you in Our address of the 20th. instant of our Intentions of embracing every opportunity of supplying you with Grain We have contracted with the owners of the ship Fort William to pay them ninety Pagodas ℔ Garce of fifty Six Bags or one hundred and twelve Bazar Maunds for whatever quantity of Rice they may Deliver you in Good Order agreable to the accompanying Muster. You may possible think the Price We have given is somewhere exorbitant but having nothing but small craft We were induced to offer thus high in order to tempt the owners of Vessells to send them to your Port, as our Proposals for Contracting on these terms were published before We had the agreeable intelligence of your having Obliged the Enemy to raise the siege or of your being so amply supplied with Grain.

We have laden on this Ship six Chests of Treasure containing Sonaut Rupees Sixty thousand as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed.

The Bills You have drawn On Us shall be duly honoured, We imagine further opportunities will present, be pleased to Use the Same, this Method will prevent a considerable risk and Loss while We can procure Neither Madrass or Arcot Rupees here, those We now send are Sonauts at 11 ℔ Cent batta, the loss by Exchange on Siccaes would be still Greater if Gold Mohurs will answer better for your service We desire to be advised what Value they bear at Madrass either by tale or Weight. Mr. Andrews at Vizagapatam says he has an opportunity of making a Considerable investment for the Company but it is not in our power to supply him with Money from hence, while Our Siccaes pass at no higher Batta in those parts than Arcot.

We request you will let us know what Tonnage you shall have occasion for in September that We may regulate our Affairs accordingly.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servts.

Fort William
27 March 1759.

C. Manningham.
Richd. Beecher.
Wm. Frankland.
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddane.
Wm. Mc. Gwire.
John Cooke.

No. 21.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have freighted the Sloop Lyon commanded by Capt. Robert Lindsay on the same terms as We took up the Sloop Charly & have laden on her four

Chests of Treasure q^t. Sonaut Rupees forty thousand & Sundry articles of Provisions as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Serv^ts.

Fort William
27 March 1759.

C. Manningham.
Rich^d. Beecher.
W^m. Frankland.
J. L. Holwell.
W^m. Mackett.
Thos. Boddane.
C. S. Playdell.
W^m. M^c. Gwire.
John Cooke.

N°. 22.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a. Council
at Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We embrace the opportunity of the Greyhound Snow to Congratulate Your honour &c^a. on the success your Victorious Defence against the French has had in obliging them to raise the siege of your place, the agreable news of which reach Us the 15th. Instant from Anjengo the Chief and Factors there enclosing Us copy of Your Letters to Charles Crommelin Esqr. none having been received here from you since that Dated 17th. December to the Chief which Came to hand the 21st. January.

By Our last advices from Bombay We learn that our Honble Masters Ships Stretham & East Court were lying there but whether destined for Europe this season or not We are unacquainted.

The 14th. Instant several Sail past by this Port at a great distance which We imagine were the squadron under Command of Vice Admiral Pocock, having been informed his Intentions were to leave Bombay bout the 7th.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Tellicherry
21st. April 1759.

Thos. Hodges.
Titus Scott.
Thos. Satchwell.
W^m. Tayler.
Harry Hurt.

No. 23.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed You will receive duplicate of Our Address by the Fort William Schooner We have laden on this Snow the Leopard lately Purchased for the Honble Company, Sundry Military Stores and ten Chests of Treasure qt. Sonaut Rupees one Lack, amounting as ℔ Bill of Lading and Invoice enclosed to CRs. 124,570–4–0.

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Chas. Manningham &ca.
Council.

Fort William
4 April 1759.

No. 24.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Duplicate.

We have shipped on the Honble Companys Vessell the Fort William Schooner, ten Chests of Treasure qt. Sonaut Rupees one hundred thousand & sundry Military Stores as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to CRs. 119138–4–3.

Herewith we transmit you a Copy of a letter received from Mr. Christian Frederick Schroder, requesting satisfaction for the loss he has sustained by the detention of the Catherine Sloop. We are therefore to desire you will acquaint us what you deem an Equitable Consideration & the same shall be paid Mr. Shroder.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
C. Manningham.
Richd. Beecher.
Wm. Frankland.
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddam
C. S. Playdell.
Wm. Mc. Gwire.

Fort William
April the 2nd. 1759.

We think it necessary to acquaint you that We have not any Redwood remaining in Warehouse therefore must repeat our request for a supply.

To the Honble Charles Manningham Esqr.
President &ca. Council of Fort William
in Bengal.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Sloop Catherine Henry Vetch Commander, was freighted by me with Provisions &ca. for Vizagapatam and Madrass, with orders to take in a Cargo

at Madrass, and return hither, she accordingly Went to Vizagapatam delivered part of her Cargo there for the use of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Forde, and proceeded from thence towards Madrass with the Remainder; but coming before Pullicat about 17th. January last was stopped by Henry Brooke the Honble Company's Resident there, who ordered the Commander to take on board his Sloop Wood and Water for the use of the Companies Sloop Cuddalore then cruizing between Pullicat and Madrass and to follow such further Orders as Captn. Baker the commander of the said Sloop shall think proper to give for the Companies Service which he Complied with and Was accordingly employed for some time in looking out for ships and cruising to Prevent Paddy boats from Carrying Provisions to the Enemy then besieging Madrass.

Upon the Sloop Catherine's Arrival at Madrass which Was about 17th. February the Governour and Council there ordered the Master to Deliver the Remainder of this Cargo for the use of his Garrison, which he accordingly did, and when the Vessell was unloaded he applied to the Governour &ca. for money to purchase Salt &ca. to Return to Bengall with, but Received for answer that the Sloop Was in the Companies Service and she was by them accordingly Dispatched from Madrass 2nd. March with Packets for Vizagapatam and Bengal on her arrival at Vizagapatam she was immediately Dispatched by Mr. Andrews the Chief with Packets for this Presidency notwithstanding the Master requested time to Receive the Value of the Goods &ca. delivered there from on board the Sloop in her way to Madrass, by which means I am not only Deprived of the Proffits on the Homeward bound voyage but am kept out of the whole amount of the outward bound Cargo, no part of it being yet paid me either for what was Delivered at Vizagapatam or Madrass.

I therefore request that your Honour &ca. will please to take my case into Your Serious Consideration and hope from Your Justice to obtain a Satisfaction adequate to the great Loss, and Damage sustained by

CALCUTTA HONBLE SIR & SIRS
THE 31ST. MARCH 1759. Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
CHRISTIAN FREDCH. SCHRODER.

A True Copy
CULLING SMITH,
Secretary.

No. 25.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

My last Respects under date the 5th. of July waited on your Honour &ca. Council ₩ the Ganges Tender Captain Duncan, of whose arrival being informed I conclude that You have safely Received the Remittance of ₩ 6000 Six thousand Spanish Dollars, made you by her on account of The Honble Company nothing having occurred since that time worth the troubling Your Honour &ca. Council with an address has been the Cause of my Long Silence.

The same Reasons which first induced the Deputy Govenour & Council of Fort Marlbrough to send an agent to this City, have been Still found to subsist, and to render the longer Continuance of one necessary; And as the Accounts

generally received from the Dutch Settlements of the Turn Our Affairs take on the Coast for at least the light they are represented in here have been found in Many Respects to correspond but little with the real situation of things, I am for that Reason to request that your Honour &c^{a}. Council will be pleased, to direct your Residents at Pulicat and Negapatam to transmit by every Departing Ship Intelligence of such Publick affairs and Transactions, as may be interesting and necessary for me to Communicate to my superiors at Fort Marlborough.

Their Honours Ship the Pitt arrived here the 14th. of December and Sailed Out of the Road the 23^{d}. but being followed by two Vessells from, who when she came to an anchor, did the same Very near her, and interecepted a Boat, which was Standing towards her from getting on board; the Captain Sent to Demand the Reason of such Behaviour & was answered by One of the Masters that he was not only authorized to do so but ordered likewise to follow him wheresoever he went, and see where he was bound to.

Capt. Wilson on Weighing maturely this unwarrantable, and Arbitrary Power of Acting, & resolving to Move with the greatest Caution, and circumspection thought it first expedient (before he proceeded to Extremities) to send a Remonstrance to the General against a Proceeding so unjustifiable asserting therein in home terms a determined Resolution to maintain the Indisputable Immunity of the English, to a free and unmolested navigation, on which a Restraint appearing to be lain, he could not but flatter himself that his Excellency would give him such Redress, as would acquit him to his King, and Country as well as to the Honble Company, to this he was far from receiving a Catigorical answer. The Result however evinced the Imbecility of any Arguments they could advance in defence of such steps, and the Return of the two Cruizers into the Harbour the next day, was a mark of Conceding Judgment But as this Deportment could not but be regarded as an Insult and indignity offered to the English Flag, which, if tacitly put up with might be a Precedent, pernicious in its Consequences Captain Wilson could not remain passive on the occasion, think it absolutely incumbent on him, to represent the same to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Fleets in the East Indies and as no other subject offers for me to address the Admiral upon I take the Liberty of inclosing his Letter on that topic to your Honour &c^{a}. Council.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint You that the abovementioned Captain succeeded in obtaining what he was in want of which must doubtless accellerate his Passage, as well as remove some Risques that must otherwise have attended it.

The freshest Letters received here from Europe, are dated the 15th. of May, and bring advice that One of our Squadrons had block'd up the French Fleet in the Port of Brest, from whence they were ready to depart as Convoy to a large Number of Transport Vessells, on board of which a Considerable Body of Troops were embarked supposed to be destined for America our Superiority of Force prevented their Coming Out, and our Admiral having Intelligence that they were to be reinforced by four ships of the Line from Toulon, despatched an equal Number to intercept them, which they had the good fortune to accomplish. Two of the Enemy were taken, one driven on Shore, and burnt, and the other escaped in a Shatter'd condition by Out sailing ours, which were not in a Capacity to come up with her, of the former is Admiral Dis Quesne in a new ship of Eighty four Guns which was carryed by one of our Sixtys, whose Captain being killed after a few Broad Sides, the Lieutenant finding he suffered much by so superior a Weight of Metal made a bold effort to Board, which at last terminated in success. This Engagement, in which the French Were much Stronger and fought desperately has tender to throw a Veil on past transactions, and revive the credit of our Navy in Europe as well as reflect no small Honor on the Officers, whi distinguished themselves therein, very remarkably.

Their Honours Storeship for the West Coast imported here the 19th. of October & sailed again the 11th. following having as yet received no advice of her arrival at Fort Marlbrough together with the Northwesters having sat in very strong a few days after her departure from hence I am afraid her passage has been rendered Long and tedious.

Four of the Honble Company home ward bound China Ships were spoke with off this Port about ten days ago, standing to the Eastward.

BATAVIA I have the Honor to be with the most profound Respect
THE 10TH. FEBRY. 1759. Your most Obedient humble Servt.

JOHN HERBERT.

No. 26.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Mossel bound for Negapatam by which I addressed Your Honour &ca. Council under date the 10th. Instant having been detained in the Road gives me an oppertunity of acquainting you, that by a ship imported yesterday from Amsterdam, We have had the pleasure to receive here the following agreable advices Vizt. That a Squadron of Ships Under Command of Admiral Anson made a Descent the 19th. of June on St. Maloes, and having burnt and destroyed Two Men of War (one of 60 the other of 50 Guns seventy Frigats Twenty four Privateers from 18 to 36 Guns, and forty One Merchant Vessells which Were lying in the Harbour, they proceeded without opposition to land a Body of Ten thousand Troops Commanded by the Duke of Marlborough who found the Garrison relinquished, as well as the Town deserted; having demolished the Fortifications and set fire to the Magazines Storehouses &ca. they marched to Dinant, a Castle about 5 Leagues distant where two thousand English Prisoners Were Confined, after the Enlargement of whom they cont[i]nued for Several days patroling the Country, and Laying in Waste, By this time the French had withdrawn their Troops from some Capital Places, they thought this Armament had been intended against and were making forced Marches to the Relief of St. Maloes; on Intelligence of whose approach, ours reembarked and sailed, it is Conjectur'd to cause a divertion in some other part of the Kingdom, all the Coast being drained of Men and left very defenceless. The Dutch Garetts make the number of men we lost in this expedition to amount only to five.

There are letters also in Town which communicate that Thirteen of our Men of War, had fell in off Carthagena, with Eleven Sail of French Ships, who maintained a desperate engagement; Two of the Enemy were taken, two sunk and the others bore away in a Shattered Condition; But when the Express was dispatched away, Ours continued the Chase, with great Probability of being able to come up with them.

A Small Squadron consisting of two Men of War, a Frigate and three transports with seven hundred and fifty Land Forces on board, which sailed from Plymouth in the Month of March last, arrived at Port Louis on the Coast of Africa about the 20th. of April and made easy Captures of Some Vessells, which were lying there, & almost ready to depart for Europe, with valuable Cargoes on board, they then concerted Measures for the Reduction of the Fort which operated so effectually, that in a few days it was obliged to surrender, the Commerce of the River Senegal, esteemed the most advantageous

on that Coast, and which Port Louis Commanded, must be accounted no inconsiderable acquisition as its Consequence to France was of no small moment & Emolument.

Admiral Boscaven was safely arrived at Halifax and was joined there by Nine Ships under the Command of Admiral Hardy; so by the Next Advices from that Quarter we may expect to hear that our affairs in America begin also to wear a more agreable aspect.

In Germany the King of Prussia continued everywhere victorious, and in Conjunction with the Hanoverian Troops had gained a Compleat Victory over the French, and Austrians in the Dutchy of Cleeves the Empress Queen finds herself at last so deceived and embarassed, that it is Confidently asserted, She is negotiating a Peace.

BATAVIA
THE 15TH. FEBRUARY 1759.

I am with the greatest respect
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servt.
JOHN HERBERT.

No. 27.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Duplicate

Enclosed we send you duplicate of our address by the Fort William. and Invoice & Bill of Lading, for Six Chests containing Sixty thousand Sonaut Rupees.

We have contracted with the owners of the Betsy Snow, to deliver you her Cargo of Rice, on the same terms, as those agreed on with the owners of the Fort William and request she may be dispatched with the utmost expedition.

FORT WILLIAM
24TH. MARCH 1759.

We are
HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servts.
CHAS. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BEECHER.
WM. FRANKLAND.
J. L. HOLWELL.
W. MACKETT.
THOS. BODDANE [*sic*].
C. S. PLAYDELL.
W. MC.GWIRE.
JOHN COOKE.

No. 28.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am now to Reply to your Several favours of the 20th. & 21st. part of the money sent by the Warren, The Arcot Rupees I returned they not being near Weight; the remainder has been applyed to the Use of the Army.

Not having an opportunity (Agreable to the liberty You Gave me at parting) to draw on Your Honour &ca. for any Money, I drew on the Governour and Council of Calcutta for Seventy thousand (70000) Rupees, with which I have carried on my Investment and Agreeable to Your Orders have debted myself for all the Money advanced, as to my Expences that of Seapoys, Peons Batta, &ca. has been managed frugally as possible considering the Number of Prisoners We have had to take care of, the frequent Partys We have been obliged to dispatch with money, Stores Recovered Soldiers &ca. And as to the Head of Repairs nothing more has been laid out than to make the Houses Decent and fit to live in, which being done that Charge will now Cease.

Agreable to your orders of the 21st. I am collecting my Ballances which done, and the Goods and Effects of the Company (which I think will not be prudent to keep here) shipped off for Bengal I shall leave the Settlement in Charge with Mr. Heath and proceed to Metchlipatam, and on my arrival there immediately transmit you the particular accounts of the Revenues Trade &ca. of that Place. I should indeed have done it now but as I have not yet seen the articles agreed to between the Colonel & Salabat Jung, I do not know whether there may be any addition to or diminution of the Lands possessed by the French, the Accots. of which I have by me. I am Certain I need not tell your Honours the difficulty and Expence of removing by Land to such a Distance at this season of the year, and with such necessarys as I must unavoidably want to appear even far below the charecter requisite for that Place, A Sloop might have Worked up with the land Winds, and have been very serviceable.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
John Andrews.

Vizagapatam
21st. May 1759.

No. 29.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governr. &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have not had the Pleasure of receiving any advices from you, since our last address by His Majestys Squadron, & agreable thereto We now dispatch our Honble Masters Ship Stretham to your Honor &ca. with three thousand Bags of wheat & five hundred Bags of Doll each containing five Surat Maunds also Five hundred seventy Nine Barrells of Gun Powder amounting to Rupees 46459–3–92 as ₽ accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading. A very considerable Quantity of Bread is likewise laden on her for the service of his Majestys Squadron & we had provided some rice for your Honor &ca. which she has not

been able to take in, but hope the above mentioned supply of Grain, will be sufficient for your occasions as you did not mention any Particular quantity you was in want of.

Your Honor &c^{a}. have been advised of our Design, that the Stretham should Proceed from your Place to Bengal to bring us a Cargoe of Salt Petre & Rice conformable to which the Commander has our orders, & we desire your Honours will dispatch him thither, as soon as you conveniently can.

We dispatched the Eastcourt with a full Loading for Great Britain on the 8th. Instant.

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
19 May 1759.

Rich^{D}. Bourchier.
J. Byfeld.
Brabazon Ellis.
N. A. Pine.
Chas^{S}. Waters.
Sam^{L}. Hough

N°. 30.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council
of Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The occasion of this address is to acquaint your Honours that Messrs. Andrews, Alexander and Dolben left this Place the 7th. Instant for Metchlepatam.

I have had the Honour to peruse your Honors &c^{as}. favor of the 30th. May, as M^{r}. Andrews is continued Chief of this Place and M^{r}. Alexander appointed of Council. I must leave it to those Gentlemen to reply to it, and content myself with assuring your Honour &c^{a}. that I shall strictly observe all such orders as I may receive from them.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient most humb^{e}. Servt.

Vizagapatam
June the 12TH. 1759.

Tho^{S}. Heath.

N°. 31.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council
at Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honour to address to address [*sic*] you last under date the 10th. and 15th. February Elapsed ℔ the Mossell bound for Negapatam, and herewith you will please to receive Duplicate thereof.

The arrival of the Shaftesbury a few days ago gave me inexpressible satisfaction, as by her I learnt that the severe and Long Siege which You have

sustained was brought to the happy Crisis of being raised; Give me leave to congratulate Your Honour &c^a^. Council on the Occasion so propitious an Issue was deemed by the greatest Politicians here almost impossible and it was too notorious how very Considerable We were sunk in the Opinion of our Neighbours public Declarations proclaimed and echoed it in this City; The scene of Action you have gone through victoriously produces a Different Behaviour and gives such Eclat, as cannot but diffuse itself, & shine with its proper Lustre in Climes more remote.

Not having been favoured with any Commands from Your Honor &ca. Council by this oppertunity, I must infer that you concluded me returned to my Station on the West Coast.

Hearing that the Shaftesburys destination hither is partly for a supply of Planks, and Timbers, and as their Honours have a considerable quantity of both these articles lying here, ready to be shipt at a moments notice it would have afforded me the greatest pleasure to have received your Orders for the Delivery of such of them, as corresponded with your Indent, and exclusive of such Directions (considering the pressing Demand there must be for them, as well as also for the Dispatch of the ship I have thought it my Duty to make a Tender thereof to the Commander particularly as there are some of them of Dimensions adapted to the Uses you must require them for, and are moreover not to be obtained here This step I flatter myself will meet with your Honor &ca. Councils approbation as well as also that of the Gentlemen at Fort Marlborough.

This will be delivered you by Capt. Thos. Forrest of the Fanny, who I dispatch on purpose to convey you notice of the situation of the French Fleet, and hope the Intelligence will produce the wishd for Salutary Effect, The State thereof as transmitted from the Cape by Mr. Wynch comes inclosed, which renders it needless to add any thing on the Subject here.

Affairs both in Europe and America have taken a very favourable turn, Cape Breton fell into our hands without Bombardment; The Distress the Garrison was in for want of Provisions their Maltreatment, and arrears of Pay, caused a Mutiny. The King of Prussia continues victorious beyond Credulity or even Conception.

The Dutch are preparing an Armament which is given Out to be designed for the Coast, it has been Long in Agitation, and is now in Such Readyness that it will certainly embark about the 30th. Inst. As far as can be seen into it will consist of 100 Europeans, a good Train of Artillery, and 1500 Bugganeese.

By Advice Receiv'd from Fort Marlborough dated the 27th. Ultimo, Preparations were making for the Dispatch of the Duke.

I beg leave to refer you to Capt. Forrest's Sailing Instructions (which are under Cover) for your information in paying him ye. Consideration agreed; and nothing further occurring, I remain with the most profound Respect

BATAVIA
THE 11TH. MAY 1759.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servt.

JOHN HERBERT.

By One of the Netherland Companys Ships just imported from Canton which Place she left the 10th. of March I learn that the Pitt was not then arrived there.

No. 32.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour of
Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 30th. May Addressed to me, & Messrs. Heath & Alexander of Council reached Us just before I left Vizagapatam—Agreable to your Instructions therein, We reduced the number of Servants to One hundred Gun, & fifty Sword Peons, a few Braminys &ca. all the rest are disbanded. The allowances for the Chief and Council are also regulated this month.

Whenever it shall be thought proper to send money the Investment shall be carried on in the manner you are pleased to direct; but as We are to have no advantage from it it is doubtless meant We shall run no risque, it is said We are to contract with those who offer the most advantageous terms (being responsible persons) of this We can only judge from their Charecters and their reputed Worth, or by employing such Who have heretofore provided with Goods, and acquited themselves with honesty but from losses in Trade Alteration of Times & Circumstances even those Men may become Insolvent, you will therefore be pleased to be Explicit, as well on this Head, as on the Resortment at your place accidents at the Washers or in the Godowns either here or there.

As to the Lodgings at Vizagapatam there are none but the Fort & Garden House, and the Seconds House; The Apartments formerly the thirds, adjoining to the Train Barracks (now the Prison) are greatly out of Repair, so much has been done to One part of them as to make it habitable for the Seapoy Officers who attend the Prisoners.

I Charged two hundred Rupees for my Passage because Mr. Perceival did the same and was allowed it though his Passage was only three days and mine thirty three days. The Charge made for the other Gentlemen was on the same consideration but as you have been pleased to order us to Refund what is thought to be an overcharge, we shall readily do it.

As I did not think it safe to leave any thing Considerable at Vizagapatam, whilst Mr. Moracin continued at Ganjam with so large a Force, I shipped on board the Ann Snow Robert Chappel Master 250 Bales Cloth, consign'd to The President and Council of Calcutta as ℔ Invoice enclosed herewith comes also the Accounts for March, April & May, The Extraordinary Seapoys Peons. Batta &ca. has been on Accot. of the Prisoners; Tappa Peons from Ganjam to this Place, frequent Dispatches to the Colonel with money Stores Cloathing, recovered Soldiers Deserters Recruits &ca. nothing more has been laid out on the Accot. Repairs than what was necessary to make the Houses habitable and secure them from the Damage of the Weather.

I now send a Rent Roll of the Several Towns belonging to the Company from Vizagapatam to this side Bandarmalanka (those of Narsapore & Maddepollam belonging to this Place) as they are farmed out this year; The little matters the French, & Rajah, left of the last years Ballance, I have Collected and brought to account.

I arrived here the 18th. Instant and should have done myself the Honor to address you Sooner had not Illness prevented me. I was told by Colonel Forde at my arrival here he would not deliver up this Settlement nor any of its dependances to me or any other person, without an order from the Presidency of Calcutta and that I should not touch one Pagoda of the Revenues. In this Situation I applyed myself to get a true knowledge of our acquisitions and their worth, The former I find to be far short of what the French possessed and will not at

present exceed four Lack of Rupees ℔ Annum, the name of every Place and its particular Rent shall be sent in a very few days what makes it the more difficult to come at is, that the French (I suppose for Private Interest) never farmed out many Places Publickly, but let them to their Dubashes, or some of the Gentlemen here, who either gave in no accounts or very lame ones, also some of the Towns (especially Salt Pans) lie contiguous to & blended with the Jemmidars, which has often proved a bone of contention, and which I am settling and seperating and for this purpose I have sent Mr. Alexander to Nizampatnam & Mr. Dolben, to Devee, whom (as there was nothing to do at Vizagapatam) I brought with me; knowing the distance of these Places from hence, would make assistance necessary.

As to the trade of this Place it is Very great and will be Immense, if the French are kept out of Golcondah Salabad Jung, & Nizam Allie, Unite (as there is a probability they will) and proper Encouragement is given to the Merchants her[e] Large Quantitys of Grain from the Northward, Raw silk, Piece Goods, Long Pepper &ca. from Bengal, Broad Cloth Cutlery Metals &ca. from Europe different Sorts of Goods from Surat, Persia, and China are year [*sic*] imported here.

I now inclose a List of the servants I entertain here. and which I am sure you will think as few, as I can well be allowed to appear with Reputation, or answer the end of my coming what you will think proper to allow me for my Table I submit to you as also my Expences coming here.

I have the Mortification to see things in General running in Improper Channells, and to hear the many applications that are made to me, on various accounts without the Power either to Regulate or Redress.

You will be pleased either to remit me money for my Expences, or pay my monthly Accots to my Order in Madrass.

METCHLIPATAM
20TH. JUNE 1759.

I am with the greatest Respect
Your most Obedient hume. Servt.
JOHN ANDREWS.

LIST OF SERVANTS,

1 Sergeant	12	
2 Corporals	18	
20 Seapoys	120	
2 Naicks	16	
20 Peons	80	
2 Chubdars	12	
12 Palankeen Boys	30	difference between this place and Vizagapatam.
6 Dooty fellows	24	
1 Cook	6	
1 Barber	6	
1 Washerman	6	
2 Roundells	12	
3 Braminys	40	
1 Head Dubash	20	
1 Persioneze	10	
1 Monthly Writer	40	
3 Watermen	12	
1 Touchy	4	
Rupees	468	

JOHN ANDREWS.

Account of Sundry Towns belonging to the Honourable Company situated between Vizagapatam and Bandarmalanka and Rented out in the following manner :—

Vizagapatam Beetle Tobacco & Land Custom				1700	—	—			
Waltere Town & Salt				3450	—	—			
Molcaporam Town & Salt				1550	—	—			
Alliporam & Dundapet, & Salt Rent ..				1500	—	—			
Alliporam Dundapet & Ccgeripollam Town Rent				1200	—	—			
Wattarra &ca, Towns				2960	—	—			
Upparra Town Rent				..			250	—	—
Upparra Salt Rent				..			100	—	—
Ammanibad Town and Salt				..			320	—	—
Socanatipillee				..			1500	—	—
Commarigry Town & River	2000	—	—						
Ravalapillee ..	112	18	—						
Sencotty Pillee ..	105	18	—						
Gory	400	—	—						
Tippah	72	—	—						
Somaty Cudooloo ..	300	—	—						
Chittililanka	10	—	—						
				...			3000	—	—
Coginapillee				...			300	—	—
Nellipillee	60	—	—						
Pollicoroo	231	—	—						
Mallaram	325	—	—						
Suncrapollam ..	63	—	—						
Yanam	250	—	—						
Narravapillee ..	250	—	—						
Brummasumadum ..	110	—	—						
Gotendeu	350	—	—						
Coringa	143	27	—						
Ditto Town Custom.	15	—	—						
Pattavalla Town & Salt	182	9	—						
							2000	—	—
Antrivedy				..			650	—	—
				12,360	—	—	@ 8120	—	—
350 ℘ of Pagodas ..				..			3531	15	33
Pagodas ..				..			11651	15	33

John Andrews.

No. 33.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of
Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In mine of the 30th. past (which I believe was by Mistake was dated the 20th.). I did not mention any thing of the Manufacture of this Country, as I was perswaded it was well known to you, and Consists only in Chay Goods & Chop Chints, for Persia, and Pegue & the Eastern Trade.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hume. Servt.
John Andrews.

Metchlipatam
3d. July 1759.

No. 34.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address to your Honour &ca. bore date the 4th. January.

This serves to accompany the General Advices & Accounts of this Factory, which We are to request you will please to forward to our Superiors at Bombay with the utmost expedition.

By Advices from Bombay dated the 4th. Ulto. we learn that our Honble Masters ship Eastcourt was to be dispatched home directly from thence in a few days.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servt.
Thos. Whitehill.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.
Wm. Hughes.

Anjengo
6th. June 1759.

No. 35.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you, under the 19th. Ultimo by the Stretham, which ship We hope is safely arrived at your Place with the supplies we sent you by her.

On the 3d. Instant the Diligent Snow Capt. Macklashin, imported here from Great Britain & the Mallabar Coast, having left Spithead on the 20th. Novr. & touched nowhere till she Reached Anjengo, This Vessell was dispatched

by our Honble Masters purposely to bring us Advices & We now transmit your Honour &c^a^. copy of such part of them, as is necessary to be communicated to you for fear any accident may have happened, to the Duke of Dorset, which sailed at the same time, bound to Fort St. George & Bengal.

Your Honor &ca. will observe that the Court of Directors have resolved not to send out any Treasure this season to any of the Presidencies, and that they order Us to be prepared for making you such remittances as you may be under the necessity of requesting but We are sorry to acquaint you that We have great reason to think that our Several occasions will require a supply before the next years ships can arrive with Us, We therefore hope, you may be furnished with such sum as you may want, by the President and Council at Fort William, and in case it should prove necessary, We conclude they can borrow money on much more moderate terms than is in our power to do this side India desiring you will apply to those accordingly and concerning which, We shall advise our Honble Masters very shortly by the way of Bussorah.

Our Honble Masters had received intelligence of four Large French ships being arrived at the Brazils in May 1758 and that they were waiting there for seven others in Order for to proceed together for India, but We have the satisfaction to see they mention, that they expected our Squadron would likewise be reinforced, for the Number of Men & Stores intended the several Settlements, We beg leave to refer your Honour &ca. to the inclosed Paragraphs the material parts of which are disguised, with the large Cypher.

Of the five ships which are destined to this Presidency one is to proceed to China and another to Mocha, We therefore hope to return the Remainder, as well as the Stretham to Great Britain with their Charter party Tonnage.

We shall dispatch the Diligent Snow to Your Presidency agreeable to our Honble Masters Commands as soon as she has the necessary Repairs, & then forward the Packet, We have Received for You.

From Copy of Mr. Secretary James's Letter to Us, Your Honour &ca. will perceive the accounts the Company had received, of their last years returning ships, & We desire you will transmit our Packet for the President and Council at Fort William, by the first Opportunity.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servts.

Bombay Castle
16 June 1759.

Richard Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin.
Brabazon Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
W. A. Prise.
Saml. Hough.
Chas. Waters.

P.S.—Your Letter of the 10th. Ultimo to the Select Committee, has been just Received, and We are extremely Glad to find that Colonel Forde proved so successfull against Metchlipatam, We conclude you will be supplied this season from England with the Articles Your Honor &ca. mention but if otherwise and we should have any to spare, after the arrival of our Ships We shall take the first Opportunity of sending you what We can, but at present we are not Able to Comply with your Desire.

Richard Bourchier &ca. Council.

No. 36.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governr. &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 27th. past was received here the 1st. Instant and forwarded to Vizagapatam.

I am now to reply to that of the 11th. Instant to assure you that I shall always be satisfied with such allowances as you shall think proper to appoint me, and to request that you will be pleased to pay them monthly to Mr. Dupre.

I now inclose a List of the Revenues of this place and its dependences; An Account of the last years Ballances and the determinations here, about the disposal of them, Also of what Places have been rented out by Colonel Forde, for what Term and at what rates. This should have been sent sooner by I was dubious whether it might not be intercepted.

Herewith comes also the Vizagapatam Accot. for June received a few days past from Mr. Heath.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble Servant
John Andrews.

Metchlipatam
28th. July 1759.

List of the Revenues of Metchlipatam & its dependances.

Nizumpatnam Sircar		
Grain	10,000 — —	
Salt	15,000 — —	
		25,000 — —
Condapillee Sircar		
Godoor & Auclamunroo two Perganahs.		11,400 — —
Metchlipatam Sircar		
Tumeree & Perranah ..	5,600 — —	
Narsapore Bundarrah & Tondevie	14,500 — —	
Devee & Six Islands ..	11,000 — —	
Enegodro	2,000 — —	
Salt	10,000 — —	
River Custom	6,000 — —	
Pettah Juncan	2,000 — —	
Juncan at the Gate ..	700 — —	
Mint	500 — —	
Chopping Paintings ..	350 — —	
Oxen Custom	250 — —	
Salt Custom at the Kistnah.	500 — —	
Toddy & Arrack ..	1,100 — —	
Quit Rent	250 — —	
Clearing Goods for Idrabad.	120 — —	
		54,870 — —
Pagodas ..		91,270 — —

John Andrews

List of the Ballances due from Metchlipatam Sircar and its dependances at the time of the Capture and for the Year 1758 Ending 5th June 1759.

	Pagodas.	Rupees.
METCHLIPATAM.		
Salt	....	21,000 — —
Grain & Chay Root	837 16 40	
NARSAPORE &cA. TOWNS.		
Salt	....	10,000 — —
Grain	1,500 — —	
Coconuts	4,000 — —	
DEVEE & the Six Islands	8,282 27 —	
NIZUMPATNAM SIRCAR.		
Grain & Salt	....	40,000 — —
PAGODAS ..	14,620 7 40 @	
Rupees 4—4 as. ₧ Pagoda is ..		62,136 — —
		1,33,136 — —

Of the above the following have been adjudged to the Captors.

Metchlipatam Salt	21,000 — —	
Narsapore Salt	10,000 — —	
Half of Nizumpatam Ballance	20,000 — —	
		51,000 — —
To the Company .. .. payable at several monthly Payments.		82,136 — —

List of Towns Rented by Colonel Francis Forde for three years on the following terms.

	Pagodas.	Rupees.
Devee & the Six Islands at Pags. 11,000 ₧ Annum	33,000 — —	
Godoor Auclamunroo Perranah Tumedy & Enegodroo, 5 Perganahs @ Pags. 19,000 ₧ annum	57,000 — —	
Narsapore Bondarra Tondure &ca. @ Pag . 14,500 ₧ Annm.	43,500 — —	
Nizumpatnam at Rupees 90,000 ₧ Annum		2,70,000 — —
Amount for three years Pagodas ..	133,500 — —	2,70,000 — —

N.B.—NIZUMPATNAM Sircar, in a favourable Season, and Unmolested may be considerably increased in its value.

METCHLIPATAM Salt & River Custom, may with proper care and Encouragement be brought to double the value I have now put upon them.

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 37.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am sorry to acquaint your Honor &ca. that our honble Masters Ship Shaftesbury Capt. Inglis from Batavia has been drowe [*sic*] past your Port and Anchor'd here yesterday.

Her Mainmast being Very much wounded he proposes to sail for the Negrais in a day or two to refit, and hopes to be with you in September.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & oblig'd hume. Servt.
Thos. Heath.

Vizagapatam
The 19th. July 1759.

No. 38.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Diligent Snow being refitted and sheathed We now dispatch her to you agreable to our advices of the 16th. Ulto. tho We order, the commander to touch at Negapatam for Intelligence & to endeavour to meet with his Majesty's Squadron to deliver some Letters for Mr. Pocock.

We enclose the Packet received for you from our Honble Masters & have paid off the Seamen who came out on this Vessell conformable to their contract, & entered Lascars in their Stead, a List of whom and the pay advanced them, is in the Packet as also Capt. Macklessuin Covenants, & the other necessary Papers received from England, relative to the Vessell, but We are to acquaint your Honor &ca. that We have landed the small Chest of Silver she brought out as her Stock.

Having received an Account of a number of french ships of War, being at the Cape of Good of Good Hope [*sic*] & at the Islands in February last, by a Country Ship which arrived the 6th. Instant from Batavia, We transmit copy of it for your Honors. notice, tho we understand the same Intelligence has been forwarded to you by a Dutch Vessell and the Shaftesbury from Batavia The President likewise now communicates it to Mr. Pocock & we are sorry to observe that Two of the former took the Grantham off Cape Falso, the beginning of January & carried her into Table Bay.

We are in hopes notwithstanding so great a superiority in the number of their ships, that Will be able to oppose them, as we learn that they are very indifferently manned, & had few or no Land Forces belonging to them, & considering the Scarcity of Provisions at the Islands, we flatter ourselves they will be prevented from undertaking any enterprize, of material prejudice to our Honble Masters We are however preparing in the best manner We can, for our Defence in case they should be destined for this Place.

The two Schooners designed for the West Coast, will be compleated next month, when We shall send them to your Presidency, agreeable to your Honour &ca. Desire & comply as far as We are able, with an Indent for Stores lately received from the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlborough, especially Gunpowder, as they particularly Write, for a supply of that article.

We request you will forward the accompanying Packet for the President and Council of Fort William by the first Conveyance.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servts.

Bombay Castle
The 17 July 1759.

Richd. Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
Brabazon Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
N. A. Price.
Chas. Waters.

No. 39.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This only serves to advise you that We addressed you under the 7th. Ultimo, at the same time enclosing a Packet for our Superiors at Bombay, Duplicates of those advices we now transmit, of which we request your Care and are respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hume. Servts.

Anjengo
July 1st. 1759.

Thos. Whitehill.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.

No. 40.

Yarmouth Negapatam Road
the 30th. July 1759.

Gentlemen

Valentine Suffolk Oxford Denham Pocock.

On my arrival here the 28th. Instant with His Majesty's Squadron and the Companys ships named in the Margin, I received the favor of your Letters of the 27th. June and 6th. and 19th. Instant enclosing Mr. Wynches Letter and his List of French Ships at the Cape and Islands, an account of which he has likewise transmitted to me.

After Cruizing a few days between the Fryars Hood and little Bassas, the Valentine Suffok, and Oxford, joined the Squadron the 10th. saw the Denham and Pocock the 13th. and the 14th. Anchored with all the ships in Trinconomale Bay, where we Wooded and Watered them. The Reveng proving very leaky she was hove down by the Queenborough; and the 26th. Sailed out of the Bay for the Coast.

As the Arrival of the French Fleet may be expected daily, tho I have obtained no sort of intelligence of 'em and apprehending the season wil be too far advanced to send the ships to China, besides the Risques they would run in the Straits of Malacca, should the French be laying Wait for them, as their long delay carrys strong suspicions, their Force may be divided for that purpose. I have judged it most convenient for the General Service, to keep the five ships some time longer with me, but have ordered Capt. Mason to take on board the Streaham, all their treasure Gunpowder and the Companys Packets and proceed with them to Madrass I have sent the Revenge to accompany him thither but for the greater Security, intend Proceeding with them as far as Pondicherry, where I shall continue with the Squadron in Order to alarm the Enemy, which may occasion to draw their Forces, out of their Present cantoonments to that Garrison and may prove of Service to our affairs in the Province by relieving the Country, and shall remain on that station untill I receive your Dispatches by the Revenge. I am with perfect Esteem

Gentlemen

George Pigot Esqr. Your most Obedient Hume. Servt.
President and Council of G. Pocock.
Fort St. George.

No. 41.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the pleasure of receiving your two Letters dated the 2nd. June and 31st. October 1758; the former by our Honble Masters Snow Fort Marlborough who after a tedious Passage, arrived here the 28th. November, & the latter by their Ship Duke Capt. Powney, who anchored in our road the 9th. February; A severe Gale of wind obliged her soon after to run into Poolo Harbour from whence she retur'd the 18th. The Arrival of the London & the return of the Storeship from the Northward much about this Time, so employed our Craft and People that the Unlading of her was thro necessity delayed Longer, than We could have desired, but all the dispatch was used possible to Land the Cargo that We might return her to your Honour &ca. agreable to your Injunctions as speedily as the Circumstances we were under would permit.

2 Our general Yearly Dispatches were nearly Compleated, & We were on the point of forwarding them to Your Honor &ca. as the ship Wellcome Capt. Balnavis a private trader from Bengal bound from that Port to Bussorah put in here for wood and Water and brought the Melancholly News of Fort St. George being invested by the French the beginning of January last, and as the Progress the Enemy had made in their approaches, or the repulses they met with in the attack were not known in Bengal, when he left that place the beginning of March last, we determined under such circumstances not to risque our Books or Papers, which are all ready but Wait a more favourable opportunity to forward them, and for the present transmit your Honour &ca. such papers only as may serve to give you a cursory Insight into our affairs since our last dispatch craving your Reference to our Advices to the Honble Court of Directors for so much of them as happened from our last dispatch ℔ the Duke to the Departure of the London & Egmont.

3 We also transmit to your Honor &ca. Council Copies of our several Letters & Indents to the Presidencys of Bombay & Bengal, forwarded in October last on the news we then received of the Capture of Fort St. David, and we

shall add thereto those of our Addresses to the Presidencies of Bombay & Bengal by the ships Wellcome and Duke now on departure together with our additional Indents for what We stand in further need of, to which We beg leave to refer you.

4. Your Honor &c^a^. will also find a number in our Paquet, Copy of a Short Letter We thought proper on this occasion to address our Honble Masters Via Bussorah under the Care of M^r^. Shaw Resident there with directions to forward it the first safe conveyance.

5 We shall now proceed to lay before you a detail of our Transactions since our last General Advices to Europe by the Ships London & Egmont under the customary heads, and

First of Shipping.

6 The Honble Company's Ships London & Egmont were dispatched for Europe the 21st. March last, and sailed for England in company the 23^d^. of the same month; our reasons for detaining the London a few days on demorage are particularly set forth in our Address to the Court of Directors, to which We beg leave to refer you. We hope our Masters will approve of the steps We have taken for the Security of their Property on board these Ships which could not be effected any other way.

7 Your Honour &c^a^. Council will please to be referred to the 22nd. Paragraph of our abovesaid Letter for the manner in which We have employed the Ship Duke since her arrival with Us to that time, we have only to represent to you as We have already done to our Honble Masters of what bad Consequence it may often be to their Concerns to permit the ship that brings your General Advices to call at the Northern Settlements, as their arrival with Us is thereby considerably protracted, and if our annual ship Arrives within the common time, we shall ever be at a Loss what to determine, as to the Quantity of Pepper We are to load on board her and this would certainly have been the case of the Egmont, notwithstanding her late arrival had she met with better weather to the Northward, for these reasons we request you will for the future order the Ship Directly here, as we shall be able to supply the Subordinate Settlements with every necessary they may stand in need of.

8 Our Intentions of returning the ship Duke to you being in some degree frustrated, for the reasons already mentioned We came to a resolution notwithstanding of sending you as early advice as We could of the state of affairs upon this Coast, as well as the Quantity of pepper We expect will be ready for next Season over and above our annual ships Charterparty Tonnage, and that we might Convey our Advices with the utmost caution in these precarious times We determined to Order Capt^t^. Powney to Batavia to procure Intelligence of Affairs on Your Coast, and whether it would be adviseable to proceed or be returned to Us, Copies of the directions we have given our Agents at Batavia as well as our instructions and sailing Orders to the Captain, which We now transmit, will inform your Honor &c^a^. Council of the Measures We have taken therein, so as to make a repetition thereof quite Useless, we shall only add that as We imagined, should the Enemy be obliged to raise the siege a Cargo of Timber and Plank must be an acceptible consignment. We were induced from that Consideration to direct in case Affairs were well at Fort S^t^. George, all the Surplus Timber (after the reverse of a Cargo for the Fort Marlbro Snow, the want of which We could not dispense with) to be put on board the Company's Ship Duke, and dispatched to you, in which we hope to meet your Approval.

9. In altering our first disposition of the storeship, the Resident of Manna agreable to our directions returned the Duke to us with Tons 141–43–18 of Pepper and she Anchor'd in our Road the 26th. March.

10 You are plaised [*sic*] to acquaint Us that all the Pepper we can collect above our annual Ships Charterparty Tonnage will be wanted for the dispatch of the Companies Ships to Europe This Year, No time was lost on the receipt of your advices in freighting up as much of the Manna Pepper as our Circumstances would admit of, that we might be prepared to give a Quick Dispatch to such as might arrive, whose Charterparty times would doubtless be expired before they reached us, upon this supposition & consistently with your Directions we gave the Egmont only her Charterparty Tonnage, and as the season is now too far advanced to expect any other Ships, we shall be very much embarrassed with the pepper that remains of this years Crop, and what will be received before next shiping arrives for want of proper Godowns sufficiently well secured for so large a quantity.

11 In the 10th. Paragraph of our Letter to the Honble Court you will observe our apprehensions of the indifferent Condition of the Fort Marlbro Snow. Capt. Mc.Taggart who we had ordered to proceed to Manna for a Lading of Pepper after having received his dispatches, addressed us a Letter to acquaint us how unfit she was to proceed to Sea, and the risque that would attend bringing up a Cargo in case his meeting a Gale of Wind in his passage; which would oblige him to bear away before it for the Preservation of the whole as She was so much out of repair and so very leaky; whereupon We ordered her to be carefully surveyed by such seafaring People as We had here, by whose report we were Guided in our further Resolution.

12 As we could by no means dispense with the Want of such a Vessell, We therefore resolved to dispatch her to Batavia, with directions to Mr. Herbert to sell her for the most she will fetch, provided he can procure a good one in her stead of the Burthen from 80 to 140 Tons well built, and Completely fitted which he has our orders to purchase on the Honble Company's Accot. otherwise to get the Snow repaired in the best and most substantial manner, and return her to us as soon as possible with a Cargo of Timber and Plank, part of the Indent he and Mr. Garden have purchased agreable to our former Instructions; and she sailed for Batavia the 28th. April; We were the more inclined to take this step from the Uncertainty when the Vessell ordered from Bombay may Arrive, in which We hope to meet with our Honble Masters and your Approval.

13 We are extremly well pleased to observe by your Honor &ca. Councils Letter now before us that our Sentiments respecting the Want of Vessells for carrying on the proper intercourse of Business on this Coast, coincides so nearly with yours we have only to request you would renew your solicitations for the immediate Dispatch of those now building at Bombay to our assistance that we may no Longer be distressed in so essential a point of our Honble Masters Concerns, we have agreable to the orders contained in their Commands ℘ Egmont represented our Wants of them to the Gentlemen of Bombay, as you will observe by the Copy of our Letter on the subject and We shall occasionally indent for such articles, as we stand most in need of, which We imagine they can best supply us with.

14 The Intercourse of a Correspondence with that Presidency, must be of very great service to the Honble Companys Concerns on this Coast, as we have represented to the Court of Directors in the 40 & 41st. Paragraph of our Address ℘ London the facilitating of which will likewise Chiefly rest with your Honor &ca. and We impatiently Wait to hear that it is carried into execution; We have on our parts agreable to our Masters Instructions pointed out the means of facilitating the same with the least Expence to them, which you will observe by the copy of our Letter and We make no doubt but they will pay a due regard to the Orders they have received on the subject.

15 Your Honor &c[a]. Council very justly observe that it is the Intention of the Court of Directors from the contents of their General Letter ℔ Egmont We should be supplied with Workmen to repair, & People to navigate and manage our Vessells, which We have been always much Distressed for, from the Presidency of Bombay, our Masters commands are so pressing on this subject that they are pleased to name M[r]. Edward Roach, a person in their Service at that Settlement, & an Intelligent Man in Maritime Affairs, whom the [*sic*] have ordered to this Coast to superintend our Marine, We are much obliged to you for Writing the Gentlemen there on that subject as well as desiring em to engage Shipwrights & Calkers for our Service, we have likewise wrote them on this Head & forwarded them Extracts of the Honble Courts General Letter to us ℔ Egmont, with regard to one of their Cruizers coming here yearly, we have nothing to add to what we wrote the Honble Court, nor to our Letter to the Gentlemen of Bombay, to which We beg leave to refer you.

16 The Owners of the Tryal Sloop that carried our dispatches dated the 23[d]. January 1758 the Receipt whereof your Honor &c[a]. Council acknowledge by the letter now before Us, having repeatedly applied to Us for the Hire of that Vessell, we discharged their Bill for the Reasons set forth in y[e]. 23[d]. 24th. & 25th. Para[h]. of our address to the Court of Directors but as We obliged them to give a joint Bond to be accountable to us, in case of any deviation in the Master, or other demand, the Honble Company might have on him or the owners for not reaching his consigned Port, which they Compiled with, We are to request you will inform Us whether there be any demand on them, that provided there is none we may cancel the said obligation.

Secondly of Goods from Europe or from one part of India to another.

17 We are much obliged to your Honor &c[a]. Council for the Seasonable and Effectual Supply of Stores civil & military consigned us by the Fort Marlbro and Duke—these added to what the Gentlemen of Bengal sent us on the London were very acceptable, especially the Gunpowder, We have been so long distressed for, our Indents for next year come Numbers in this Packet to which We desire your Compliance.

18 It will be a Standing Maxim with us never to indent for more of a perishable Commodity than We think can be expended before it spoils, our request for Coir Cordage was grounded on this Plan, as what remained of that article in the Stores was but very indifferent and scarce trust worthy, we shall agreable to your Orders sell the damaged, and unfit for Service at public outcry for the most it will fetch & observe your directions for the future in Cases of cumbersome & other articles of Stores. Your Honour &c[a]. Council will please to observe that taking the several remains thro out the Settlements yearly in the manner you prescribe had come under our Consideration before the receipt of your Commands, and are pleased to think that We have acted therein consistent with your intentions such as were returned to England & Fort St. George were done in Consequence of our Honble Masters & your Orders.

19 The Supply of Fanams were very serviceable, and We desire the like quantity by the first opportunity, we hope also to receive the Copper Cash by the same Conveyance, as they are greatly Wanted for the use of our several Residencies.

20. We have consigned to Mess[rs]. Herbert & Garden of Batavia, for the purposes mentioned under the Head of Shipping ℔ 8000 on the Fort Marlborough Snow with Some necessary Stores in case they repair her, as every thing is exorbitantly dear at that Place, which will be some savings to our honble Masters in that Business.

21 In Conformity to the Orders contained in the 14th. Paragraph of your Letter dated 5th. September 1757 ℔ Ship Duke, We transmit your Honor &ca. Copy of ye. Affidavit of the Members of the Council relating to the Arrack & Gaming Licences during the administration of Messrs. Hurlock & Hindley.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENT, & FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

22 We have been so very explicit to our Honble Masters on the Head of Investment, & nothing of any consequence having happen'd since our dispatch We shall only repeat our Assurances for promoting the same to its utmost Extent.

23 We have now in Our Godowns upwards of Five hundred Tons of Pepper besides what remains still to be collected at Manna & Tallo, of the last seasons, & We can Safely Venture to assure your Honor &ca. Council that We shall have full Nine hundred Tons, exclusive of our annual ships Charterparty Tonnage, for which We desire you will please to provide shipping, & as We have the greatest reason to expect more than the Quantity We now mention, We hope you will give Us leave to put as much of it on board as the ships can conveniently take in, that We may not labour under the same Inconveniences, We have lately done for Want of Proper Godowns for the reception as well as security of it.

24 Your Orders with respect to addressing your Honor &ca. Council on Civil & Secret, & Military Affairs distinctly shall meet with due Observance, it is a method We had partly fallen into before the receipt of your advices, as you will please to observe in the 25th. Paragraph of our Letter to the Court of Directors.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS &CA.

25th. We shall make use of the Liberty your Honor &ca. Council give us in pulling down such part of Cumberland House as We shall esteem necessary, at our first Leasure, and as it will be very agreable to Us to have a skillfull person to superintend & direct our Works, the Want of which We have so long and severely felt, We shall impatiently Wait the arrival of your next advices in hopes of being supplied therewith, our Honble Masters are pleased to assure Us, We shall no longer remain in the uncertain state We have been in for so many years, and Order Us in ye. 53 Para. of their Commands ℔ Egmont, that if your Honor &ca. cannot spare a capable person to apply to the Presidency of Bombay who have their Possitive Commands to provide persons qualified to Superintend and direct, as well as Workmen to carry on our buildings & works, which We have duly obeyed.

26 The Covering We Ordered to be made over the Vaults in the new Fort at Moco Moco to preserve the Materials therein deposited was lately blown down by the violence of the Wind, & We have directed it to be repaired in the best manner. Our time has been too much engrossed lately in regulating our Honble Masters concerns on this Coast to turn our views that Way, We hope however to be able after this dispatch, & We shall then agreeable to what We Wrote the Court of Directors think seriously of removing the Factory thither and set about it accordingly.

27 We must crave your reference to the 97th. Para of our address to the Honble Court of Directors for a resolution We have taken to pay no drawback on goods exported from this Coast, but rather grant Certificates on your Honor &ca. or such other Presidency they may go consigned to, that no Frauds may be committed to the Prejudice of our Masters Revenues & We have only to desire that you Wou'd honor such Certificates whenever any appear & that you will please to Write to the Gentlemen of Bombay & Bengal to the same purpose, as We do by this Opportunity.

28th. Our Honble Masters Farms for the insuing year were sold as follows :

Arrack &ca. to Diong Macooley & Co. ℔			300 ℔ mensem.	
Opium Marlbro	Ditto		100	do.
do. Moco Moco	Roger Carter Esqr. ..		75	do.
do. Laye	Mr. George Scott ..		15	do.
do. Fallo	Roger Carter Esqr. ..		11	do.
do. Manna	Mr. Josh. Darvall ..		14	do.
do. Croee	Mr. Wm. Norris ..		16·2	do.

Sixthly of Covenant Servants, Military & their Accots.

29th. With regard to Mr. Bastion Smith's Charge against Mr. Pybus, he has not been able to prove the least part of his allegation, & We represented it accordingly to our Honble Masters as you will please to observe in the 111th. Paragraph of our Address to the Court of Directors.

30th. It is with the utmost concern We find Your Honor &ca. Council have not been able to send us the One hundred and fifty Seapoys We so earnestly desired to be supplied with in Our last Address, as their services are so much to be depended on, more than any of the assistance We can receive from the People of this Country. We can but renew our request of having at least that number sent us by the first opportunity, or recommending to the Gentlemen of Bombay.

31st. We beg leave to refer you to the 107th. Para. of our address to the Court of Directors for Mr. Marriotts extraordinary & unprecedented behaviour in not producing the last will & Testament of the late Mr. John Goodwin, when he was called upon by the board to prove it according to the Customary Forms which We were the more surprized at, as it was but just before he applied to Us in Quality of an Executor for the repayment of some extraordinary Charges incur'd on the Funeral and as We have desired our Honble Masters to give us their Orders how to act in similar Cases, We now apply to Your Honor &ca. for your advice and directions herein, that We may not be liable to such Inconveniences again, which may be productive of innumerable bad consequences.

32 Our Honble Masters Commands respecting the Memorial presented them by the Dutch Governour of Macassar we duely complied with, and Diong Macoley has been called upon for payment of the money said to be due from him which he has evaded by presenting Us a narrative of the affair by Way of reply, the Circumstances of which will chiefly lay with Mr. Pybus to admit or reject, we have therefore defer'd giving our Masters a direct answer thereto till We hear from Mr. Pybus on the subject, a copy of the Narrative comes a number in our Packet, which We hope will be sufficient to decide this affair.

33 The Dispute that has so long subsisted between our Military Captains about the time of Cloathing our Garrison on this Establishment, we have finally determined & such precautions have been taken in regulating the same that We think the like Will not hapen again, We beg leave to refer you to the 128th. Para of our Letter to the Honble Court for a detail of this affair and shall at present briefly confine ourselves to request your Honor &ca. Council's directions in what manner We are to act with the Attornies of Capt. Kendall, to oblige him into a Compliance with our equitable demands in refunding the money unjustly received of Capt. Frith &ca. for Cloathing that was due the Military and which ought to have been delivered them before he quitted the Settlement.

34 Ensign Blaten who has been long ailing died at Croee the 29th. March of a Continued fever.

35 Lieutenant Charles W. Terraneau having requested an Advance of three months Pay to enable him to proceed to his station by this Conveyance We granted him that Indulgence, he has been paid to Ultimo July.

36 In Consequence of what we wrote our Honble Masters ℘ London regarding the several Vacancies in their Service, We have lately made the following appointments.

37 The Residency of Moco Moco was offer'd to Mr. Wyatt agreeable to his former request, but as he alledg'd that a removal from Natal at this Juncture would be attended with many inconveniencies to himself he desires to remain there which being agreed to, Mr. Darvall next in standing was offered it, but as he imagines he can be of more Effectual Service to the Honble Company by attending to the Investment at Manna & settling the districts of Padang Goechee, he requested We would dispense with his acceptance of it, Mr. Norris therefore was appointed thereto, and he will be directed to come up immediately to proceed thither to take the Charge thereof, Mr. Hay is to succeed him at Croee & Mr. Keir in his Stead takes Charge provisionally of the Storekeepers Employ.

38 Mr. Gunn having been indisposed for a Long while & incapable of transacting the Employ of Pay Master desired our permission to resign it We appointed Mr. Richard Preston thereto.

39 The vacant Seat in Council occasioned by Mr. Marriotts resignation, has been filled up by appointing Mr. Alexander Hall thereto he being next on the List, whose allowances as such are to commence from the first opportunity of coming up hither to take upon him the Employs of Warekeeper Military Store keeper & Pepper Godown Keeper, Mr. Nairne succeeds at Tappanonli Mr. Gayer to Ippee. & Mr. Polaquiere to the Secretary Employ.

40th. Mr. Jack we appointed to Tallo Residency & Mr. Hampton who has been some time there we have removed to that of Cawoor, a very improveable settlement & where he can do our Honble Masters good service.

41 The Residency of Manna and its dependances being objects of our Most serious Attention, We have judged it convenient to appoint an Assistant thereto, who under the Residents care may have an opportunity of making himself thoroughly acquainted with the customs and manners of the People of those countries & thereby be enabled to take upon himself the Charge thereof at any time Mr. Darvalls services may be required elsewhere, We therefore Nominated Mr. Watson now at Natal to that service.

Seventhly of Accounts.

42 Herewith your Honor &ca. will please to receive the Account Current of the Owners of the Sloop Tryal as settled with them.

43 We also transmit in our Packet the Ship Dukes Accot. Current to which is subjoined Capt. Powneys for the Deficiencies of his Cargo, in which Credit has been given him for the several allowances we have made him for Wastage &ca. but the deficiency of salt so far exceeds every thing that might be expected that not withstanding the usual allowances of 6 ℘ Cent & 1000 Bamboes more for extra deficiencys which might arise by keeping it on board some time longer than We ought and which our necessities of sending the ship to Manna obliged us to there still appears 6567 Bamboes short of the out turn, a quantity too large to be Wrote off in our opinions, We have agreeable to your Orders Debited the Capt. for the same & left it to your Honour &ca. to make him such further allowances as you may judge equitable conformable to the Commands contained in your Letter of the 15th. October 1758.

44 The Ballance of the Honble Companys Cash is this day, one hundred thousand, Eight Hundred and fifty Dollars, one Sooca, & twenty eight Cash.

SUPPLEMENT.

45 We were on the point of dispatching the Duke Capt. Powney when advice arrived from Croee that an Express dispatched from Mr. Herbert at Batavia had put in there by contrary Winds, and was sailed again for this Port, as we imagined they might contain more recent Advices than any We had received We determined to detain the ship till the receipt of them which was not before the 17th., but not having any reason to alter our former Resolutions we now return her to your Honor &ca. Council agreeable thereto.

We are Respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Hume. Servts.

FORT MARLBRO
THE 21ST. MAY 1759

ROGER CARTER.
RICHD. WYATT.
JOSEPH DARVALL.
RICHD: PRESTON.
ROBERT HAY.

LIST OF PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE ℔ DUKE VIA BATAVIA.

No. 1 General Letter to the President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 21st. May.

2 Copy General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Dated the 10th. March 1759 ℔ London.

3 Copy General Letter to Do. Dated the 20th. March 1759 ℔ Egmont.

4 Copy General Letter to Do. Dated 9th. May 1759, Via Bussorah.

5 Copy General Letter to Do. Dated 23d. October 1758 via Batavia.

6 Copy General Letter to the Presidency of Bombay dated the 23d. October 1758 via Batavia.

7 Copy General Letter to the Presidency of Bombay Dated ye. 9th. May 1759 ℔ Wellcome.

8 Copy General Letter to the Presidency of Bengal Dated the 23d. of October 1758 via Batavia.

9 Copy General Letter to Do. dated the 9th. May 1759 ℔ Duke.

10 Copy General Letter from Do. Dated the 9th. January 1759 ℔ London.

11 Copy of Mr. Herberts Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Dated Batavia ye. 12th. October 1758.

12 Copy of Mr. Herberts Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Dated Batavia 25th. October 1758.

13 Copy General Letter to Messrs. Garden & Herbert Dated 9th. May 1759 ℔ Duke.

14 Copy General Letter to Mr. John Herbert Dated 9th. May 1759 ℔ Duke.

15 Copy General Letter to Messrs. Garden & Herbert Dated 24th. April 1759.

16 Copy General Letter to Mr. John Herbert Dated 24th. April 1759.

17 Copy Report on Oath of the Council at Fort Marlbro in respect to the Sale of the Arrack Licence during the Government of Messrs. Hurlock & Hindley Dated the 22d. December 1758.

18 Copy of John Dirk Van Clootwych Esqr. his memorial to the Honble Court of Directors.

19 Copy of the Narrative of Diong Macooley in answer to the memorial of John Dirk Van Clootwych Dated the 20th. January 1759.

20 Attested Copy of an Examination into the Death of John Whitworth one of the Military.

21 Cash Account for May 1759.

22 Copy of the Honble Company's account Current with the Owners of Sloop Tryal Dated 28th. February 1759.

23 Ship Duke Account Current Dated the 24th. May 1759.

24 Captn. Thos. Powneys Account Current Dated the 17th. May 1759.

25 Manifest of Private trade on board the Duke dated the 24th. May 1759.

26 Copy Indent to Bombay } Dated the 9th. May 1759.
27 Copy Indent to Bengal }

28 Copy Indent of Civil Stores wanted for the year 1761 ℔ London.

29 Copy Indent of Military Stores wanted for the year 1761 ℔ Do.

30 Copy Indent of Wares wanted for the year 1761 ℔ Do.

31 Indent of Civil Stores wanted for the year 1760 ℔ Duke.

32 Copy of Capt. Thomas Powneys Sailing Orders and Instructions Dated 21st. May 1759.

33 General Dispatches to Bengal &

34 Paquet Received from the Governour & Council of St. Helena.

FORT MARLBRO' — MAT. BLACQUIRE
THE 21ST. MAY 1759. — *Secrety*.

N.B.—Manifest of private Trade is forwarded to Mr. Herbert at Batavia to insert what may be loaded on Capt. Powney or his Officers account, who will enclose it to the Presidency.

M.B. *Secrety*.

No. 42.

Copy

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

My last respects of which You will please to receive Duplicate under Cover were intended to have Waited upon you ℔ the Fanny Sloop—who when Weighing Anchor to leave the Road was forcible Detained under the Pretext of having taken 15 Leaguers of arrack on board in a Clandestine Manner, which being Very far from the Truth I could not help acquainting His Excellency that I esteemed it a Finesse to impede advices getting to hand which might be of the utmost Consequence to your Honor &ca. Council and particularly to Admiral Pocock. The Delay and Damage the Vessell sustained by Depredations and Lighers lying a long side hindred her from proceeding and the Paquet was forwarded the 22d. Ultimo by a Sloop belonging to Mr. Van Eck the Governour of Negapatam, Addressed to your Resident there to whom I also wrote the needfull and desired him to pay the Master on its safe delivery Two hundred Rupees.

As I shall be explicit to my superiors at Fort Marlbrough on the behaviour of the Gentlemen here I shall not trouble your Honor &c^{a}. with a Detail of the Particular Incidents whose time I am sensible must be fully engrossed in more Weighty affairs, I think myself fortunate that M^{r}. Lister, who was dispatched here by Admiral Pocock happen'd to be on the Spot and acquainted with every minute circumstances he has promised me to add this to the Catalogue of other Grievances, which the English alone are with great Industry brought to Labour under at this Port.

The Bearer Captn. Inglis, who has been here but a Short time will I dare say elucidate Matters a little, he has used I can assure you, all the assiduity in his Power both with respect to Dispatch as Well as for obtaining the Particulars of your Indent. the former is impossible the latter tho not altogether impracticable in itself yet rendered so to as great an Extent as can be by every low Artifice and I am Confident there has not been an English Commander here for these three Years past, who has not heartily repented of his Voyage, if possible they will in future experience greater Hardships for the Turn affairs have taken at Surat and Bengal has exasperated the Batavians greatly.

The Armament I mentioned to Your Honor &c^{a}. Council in my former will not sail till the 10th. Ins^{t}. and will consist of Five hundred Europeans less than I expected tho is it said they will be made up one thousand at Ceylon.

I am almost certain that a Part of them are designed for Bengal; The Nabob having objected to their erecting a new Fort they seem inclined to try what Influence a respectible Force will carry with it. The Engineer lately returned from thence has exhibited a Plan which is to be put in Execution and for which purpose he embarks in the Fleet. I am attempting to convey a hint thereof which I hope will arrive timely.

Nothing further interesting having occured since my last I have the Honor to remain with the most perfest Consideration

BATAVIA
THE 1ST. JUNE 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humb^{e}. Servt.
JOHN HERBERT.

N°. 43.

COPY

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OR THE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR FOR THE TIME BEING AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Shaftesbury, Captn. Inlis, [*sic*] who sailed from hence the 2nd. Inst. I had the pleasure to address your Honour and the Gentlemen of Council jointly Duplicate of which I take the Liberty of inclosing herewith.

The principal occasion of this is to acquaint you, that the Armament I then hinted at, is now embarked; The Troops consist of Six hundred Europeans and Fourteen Hundred Bugganeese, destined as given out, to act as Auxiliares on the Coast of Coromandel; That they will touch at Negapatam is probable, but I have very strong reasons to suspect, that they will from thence (having first a Reinforcement of 500 from Ceylon) proceed without much loss of time to Bengal where they Conclude so respectable a Force will exact from the Nabob permission to erect a New Fort, or in default thereof render them sufficiently strong to try an Expedient for that purpose, This I verily believe is the grand point in View; tho I have just been informed, that they are going to renew

a Treaty with the King of Tanjore; It is certain they would be very Glad (& the Importance is evident) to regain Masulapatam, which if still in the hands of the French can be obtainable only by Force of Arms, which they will Scarce be hardly enough to hazard the Chance of. If on the other hand Colonel Forde has Carried the Place (of which I entertain the most Sanguine hopes) the Dilemma will be equall unless the [*sic*] Claim a right by virtue of an old Treaty and that right incontestable; I am therefore from the Repulse You have given Monsr. Lally and the favourable turn so signal a Defeat must produce on the Whole Coast, rather inclined to imagine, that it will be much the Easier Task, to embroil matters, and set up a Nabob in another quarter.

The means industriously pursued to hinder my Sending Intelligence, are such as are impossible for me to get over in this Place I cannot therefor send an Express to M^r^. Clive on this occasion. Your Honor will be a better judge than I possible can, if one from the Coast may not have a good effect; You must certainly be thoroughly acquainted with the situation of Affairs at Fort William, and If esteemed necessary an Immediate Dispatch from Fort S^t^. George may I apprehend arrive there sooner than the Fleet from hence, which Consists of Eight Sail, as they possitively touch at Ceylon, and probably at Negapatam.

During My Residence here I have hitherto thought it unseasonable, & therefore impertinent to address your Honor on the subject of Grievances and Maltreatments which the English alone are oppressed with at this Port. I had much conversation on the Topic with Capt. Inglis whose bad reception and obstacle thrown in the Way to hinder the prosecuting his China Voyage naturally led me into, I believe he will be able to give you a specimen of their behaviour. Mr. Lister likewise who has the Honor to be known by you (Whose Penetration and long stay here, made him See Clearly into Things, assured me, that he would at the first interview with the Admiral represent these Matters in their true Light.

The Duke Arrived here the 11th. Inst. her Dispatch from the West Coast direct to Fort St. George on the News of its being invested, appearing imprudent, the Depty. Governor & Council Ordered her hither for Intelligence, and in case the siege was raised to carry you a supply of Timbers. The Shaftesbury having before taken all those of their Honors lying here which corresponded to your Indent and no more being imported since is Unlucky. In a few days ships are expected from the Eastward when such as are fit for Gun Carriages will be procurable. The General has hitherto refused Capt. Powneys taking any thing on board except Rice Wood and Water after repeated Solicitations a Request is at length permitted to be presented which cannot be done for some days as the Council will not set, This is a Trick too for Detention, but as soon as his provisions are on board his Departure will not be postponed. By him I shall take the Liberty of addressing you again who am with the most profound Respect

BATAVIA
THE 16TH. JUNE 1759.

HONBLE SIR
Your most Obedient hume. Servt.
JOHN HERBERT.

No. 44.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I had the Honor to address you under date the 16th. Instant (copy of which is under Cover) ₱ the Hope Capt. Daniel Neill belonging to Mynheer Berg of this City who sailed under Convoy of the Dutch Fleet the Day following: She

will have parted Company from them I believe very soon, in order to make the best of her Way to Fort St. George, I heartily Wish that she may have met with a quick Passage, as in all probability your Honour will have thought it expedient to dispatch an Express to Fort William. I am now thoroughly convinced that they are going to push Matters in that Quarter to a very great extremity insomuch that if they do not succeed in their scheme, they can have no alternative left but must Withdraw their Settlement entirely; should they meet with success, I am very diffident of Belief (contrary to the received opinion here) that the Tables can be so turned as to reduce Us to that last shift. tho I am Confident that their French Engineer has demonstrated as much on Paper. The Intelligence is, that We have not Three hundred Europeans in the whole Kingdom and it seems evident, that the Moguls Son must have been Induced by some perswasive Aguments to take the step he has done of raising a considerable Army, with whom if Matters are not yet accommodated it is natural to suppose that he Will be supported and that too with no Contemptible a Force.

If things are apparently adjusted I apprehend it will still become a Consideration, If a superior army on the spot Commanded by French officers, may not have Weight enough to create fresh Tronbles; with a People of their known Stamp it must be no difficult Task; I flatter myself from the Pleasing accounts we have just received of the state of affairs under your administration, that you will if necessary find it convenient to assist your Neighbours the Next object of your Care, and impede if possible the impending threatening Storm, one can hardly Imagine that this Fleet will touch at Negapatam, but at Ceylon it is Certain they must, and receive on board a Reinforcement, from Whence I conclude they will Use their Utmost Diligence in getting to Bengal.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Pitt has been seen at the back of Tranati. one of the Bande Isles, but I cannot learn at what Time; this Advice has Alarmed his Excellency much, as their Constant Endeavours are to prevent all European Nations from Navigating to the Eastward.

Permit me to Conclude with my most ardent Wishes for the Continuance of Success in all your operations against the Enemy, & that you may enjoy a Series of Health and Happiness being with the greatest esteem and Respect

BATAVIA
THE 5TH. JULY 1759.

HONBLE SIR
Your most obedient Hume. Servt.
JOHN HERBERT.

P.S.—No ships having imported with Timbers and Planks since my last. I have not been able to obtain any agreeable to the Dimensions you prescribed to Capt. Inglis and it would be useless to send such as are not adapted to the uses you require them for; Vessells are expected daily, but as the season is pretty far advanced I thought it not adviseable to Detain the Duke on that Uncertainty which as I have nothing further to address the Board upon, I take the Liberty to request the favor of you to acquaint them With. and to inclose the Manifest of Private Trade laden at Fort Marlborough and this Port.

Under Cover Comes a Copy List of the French Ships at the Cape with some further Intelligence from Mr. Wynch annexed thereto. also a Packet for you received from that Gentleman, and two others for Calcutta and Bombay I am at Supre.

Yours &ca.
J.H.

No. 45.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last advices to you Went by the Ship Falmouth Captn. James Dale. We have since received several Letters, and are much obliged to you for Writing to the President and Council at Bombay, for some Coffree Slaves for the Use of this Island, as you Could not supply us with any from your Settlement. We hope we shall receive them from thence by the first conveyance and are sorry you cannot supply us with the stockings We indented for, We desire you will send for the use of this Island seventy five pieces of Long Cloath, quantity and price of each as follows, ten pieces at 12 Pagodas ℘ piece, Ten at ten pagodas, Fifteen at Eight pagodas, Thirty at Four Pagodas and Ten at three Pagodas. and the rest of the One ℘ Cent in Arrack, Rice and Paddy.

This goes by the Ship Egmont, Captain John Venner, and We herewith send you a List of the arrival and Departure of ships, to and from this Place.

We are

St. Helena
19th. July 1758.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servants

Chas. Hutchinson.
John Adamson.
John Clark.

List of the arrival & Departure of ships to & from St. Helena since 21st June 1757.

Arrival.			Departure.
June 21st.	Falmouth fm. England.	Dale Commdr.	July 17th. outwd. boud.
,,	Oxford from Bencoolen.	Steevens	
27th.	Harcourt	Webber	
,,	Stormont	Hindman	Augst. 9th. Homwd. boud.
,,	Griffin	Dethick	
30th.	Delawar	Freeman by Sucn.	
July 9th.	Colchester Man of War.	O'Bryen	
17th.	Kings Fisher Do.	Toby	July 20th.
November 11th.	Walpole	F. Fowler	Decr. 7th.
1758 Febry. 15th.	Prince Heny Packett.	Reynolds	Febry. 24th.
March 14th.	The Dutch Fleet 13 Sail.	Anchod. in ye. Road.	March 21st.
April 9th.	The Princess Louisa Dane.	Jasper With	Aprl. 16th.
10th.	Marlborough	Alex. Mc. Cleod	July the 16th.
18th.	Prince Heny. fm. Engld.	Thos. Best	May 6th. Otwd. boud. to Limpo.
May the 10th.	Norfolk	Pinson Bonham	
Do.	Princess Augusta	Thos. Baddison	
June 3	Royal Duke	Geoe. Cumming	
Do.	Caenarvan	Norton Hutchinson.	
14	Colchester Man War	Capt. O'bryen	
15	Triton	Francis Harris	July the 16th.
17	Onslow	Thos. Hind	
Do.	Sandwich	John Purling	
21st.	Warwick	Nichs. Webb.	
27th.	Elizabeth	Robt. Burdett	
July 1st.	Egmont from England.	Vener	
5th	Falmouth	Jas. Dale	July the 16th.

No. 46.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since closing our Packet to you under date of the 19th. Instant arrived the Honble Companys Ship the Lord Anson, Capt. Chick, from Bombay, who informs Us that he parted Company with their Honours ships the Prince Edward Captain James Haldane, and the York Capt. Peter Lasselles about 19 days ago, to the Westward of the Cape so that we hourly Expect them.

We are

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servts.

St. Helena

July 30th. 1758.

Chas. Hutchinson.
John Adamson.
John Clark.

No. 47.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George

&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Vizagapatam accounts for last Month—Mr. Heath upon the Receipt of your last Letter has unadvisedly brought Mr. Andrews Allowances here upon those Books—he has repaid the Money and We shall Write them back this Month.

Mr. Bonjour Being in distress for money to pay the Troops under his Command, and Colonel Forde not having it in his power to supply him, We have advanced him 4000 Rupees and for which Mr. Andrews will have credit on the Vizagapatam Books.

We are with the greatest Esteem

Your most Obedient hume. Servts.

Metchlipatam

18th. Augst. 1759.

John Andrews.
Jas. Alexander.

No. 48.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 27th. Ulto. We forwarded ℔ Pattamar Duplicate of our Address by the Diligent Snow & have since Recd. Your favours of the 23d. & 30th. June 10th. & 18th. July.

We shall punctually comply with your Desire for sending the Timber & Plank provided for your Presidency when an opportunity offers.

The Schooner of one hundred & twenty Tons for the service of the West Coast, shall have two decks & the other is ready to be launched.

We are concerned to observe that Your demands for Money are so large without our being able to supply you with any & regarding which We have only to repeat what We have represented to You in our Address of the 16th. June, therefore hope the President and Council at Fort William will have it in their Power to send you the Necessary supply—but We have nevertheless accepted your Drafts for Forty Nine thousand, five hundred & Nine Rupees three quarters and Twenty Reas, in favour of the President & Gocul Terrvady; We have represented our situation with respect to Treasure to the Honble Court of Directors by an overland conveyance which We shall not fail to repeat, as soon as the season offers, & transmit your Letter for them.

We congratulate you on the Safe Arrival of the Duke of Dorset, Royal George & Essex, & hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing that the rest of the China Ships have reached your Place.

We enclose our Account Current with your Presidency from the 1st. May 1758 to the 31st. July last, which being drawn out according to the accompanying Remarks from the Committee of Accounts, We request you will conform thereto & We shall hereafter transmit our Accounts agreable to your Desire.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
Richd. Bourchier &ca. Council.

Bombay Castle
25 August 1759.

Remarks made by the Committee of Accounts on the Account Current Received from Madrass on ye. 2nd. Instant, dated 23d. April 1759.

The Several Sums for which this Presidency is debted on Account of the Protector ought not to be Charged thereto, that ship being sent from hence by the Select Committee with Gun powder requested by the Governour & Council there, who not only sent her to Bengal but Detained her upon the Coast (where she was fitted as a fire ship) from which Circumstances it appears very evident, the following particulars (charged as above) should not appear on our Books Vizt.

July	The amount of Stores & Wages		2127	28	3
August	Ditto	Stores	1464	34	62
October	Ditto	Ditto	366	24	55
	Ditto	Ditto	556	14	70
March	Ditto	Wages	175	24	36

And as the Revenge was dispatched with a Detachment from hence to the assistance of Bengal Presidency, all Charges Incurred during her absence, consequently ought to be carried to that Presidency so that the following sums should be Charged thereto, by the Governor & Council of Madrass & not entered in our Accounts Vizt.

August	To the amount of Stores supplied		26	25	76
March	To Ditto	Ditto	41	13	40
	To Ditto	Ditto	351	27	10

Bombay
14 August 1759.

Richd. Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin.
Thos. Byfeld.
Wm. Hornby.

A true copy
Danl. Draper
Secrety.

No. 49.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under the 26th. Ultimo since when We have not had the pleasure of receiving any Advices from you.

This Waits on you by the Smallest Schooner, built for the Service of the West Coast, which We have named the Fort Marlborough and tho the Deputy Governor & Council there requested our Compliance with an Indent for Stores, lately received from them only in Case the French had succeeded in their attempt against Your Presidency, We embrace the opportunity of consigning you half of such stores, as We can spare by this Vessell in order to be forwarded thither amounting to Rupees 6686–3–97 as ℔ enclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading, & which has filled her in such a manner, that We are disappointed in sending you a supply of Gunpowder.

Capt. Andrew Nesbitt, who we have put in Command of this Vessell choosing to continue in her tho a Commander on our Establishment, We desire you will confirm him therein, & We transmit you an account of her Cost, the Impress advanced her Crew, and an Inventory of her Stores as also a Letter to be forwarded the Depy. Governour & Council at Fort Marlborough.

We have within these few days been advised by the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry, that a French Ship of about Twenty Guns, & one hundred Europeans named La Graciosa & Commanded by Monsieur Bossinot, arrived at Mihie the 26th. July & sailed the 22nd. Ultimo, but from whence she came or whither gone, We have no certain account, only that on her Departure she stood to the Westward.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servts.

Bombay Castle
Septr. 18th. 1759.

Richd. Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
Brabazon Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
,, ,, ,,
Chas. Waters.
Saml. Hough.

Bombay Castle, 18th. September 1759.

Invoice of Stores Laden by the Honble Richd. Bourchier Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council of Bombay, on Board the Fort Marlborough Schooner Capt. Andrew Nesbit, consigned to the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George for the use of Fort Marlborough Factory, on Account & Risque of the Honble United English East India Company being marked and numbered as ℔ Margin Vizt.

LEAD 15 Slabs pz̃. 20 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. at 17s. 9d. ⅌ cwt. ..	£18	4	10			
Europe Chas. 5 ⅌ m	—	1	$9\frac{3}{4}$			
	£18	6	$7\frac{3}{4}$			
@ 2/6 ⅌ Rupee ..				146	2	63
IRON 98 Bars pz̃ 50 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. at 17s. ½ ⅌ Cwt.	£42	16	$9\frac{1}{2}$			
Europe Chas. 5 ⅌ m.	—	4	$3\frac{1}{4}$			
	£43	1	$\frac{3}{4}$			
@ 2/6 ⅌ Rupee ..				344	1	63

GENERAL STORES VIZT.

SHEET LEAD 40 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. at Rups. 7 1 12 ⅌ C	296	2	90			
Kamallage on Do.	2	—	15			
				298	3	05

MILITARY STORES VIZT.

1 @ 4 Four Chests qt. 100 Musquets with Bayons at Rs. 11 1 15				1128	3	0				
4 Chests for Do.				20	—	—				
5 One Chests containing as follows vizt.										
30 ⅌ Pistols with Ribs ..	373	2	60							
18 Country mounted Swords ..	74	2	80							
8 Brass hilted Swords ..	25	1	20							
26 New Scabbards	9	3	—							
1 Chest	5	—	—							
				488	1	60				
6 One Cask qt. 5000 Flints ..	31	1	—							
1 Cask	1	1	—							
				32	2	—				
7 One Chest containing as follows Vizt.										
42 Brass Gilted swords ..	132	3	30							
32 Country mounted Ditto ..	132	3	20							
74 Scabbards	27	3	—							
1 Chest	5	—	—							
				298	1	50				
Gun powder 100 Barrells ..	3235	—	—							
Kamallage on Ditto	3	3	—							
				3238	3	—				
Nails for securing Chests				—	1	68				
								5207	—	78

MARINE STORES VIZT.

Coir Cordage 22 Coils pz̃. 130 md. 10 vizt.

			md.	lb.
1	Coil	7 Inches pz̃	11	—
1	Ditto	6 Do.	12	21
2			23	21
1	Do.	6 Inches	11	25
1	Do.	5 Do.	7	6
1	Do.	5 Do.	9	14
1	Do.	5 Do.	7	20
1	Do.	5 Do.	8	18

				md.	lb.
1	Coil	5	Inches	5	16
1	D°.	4	D°.	5	4
1	D°.	4	D°.	5	24
1	D°.	4	D°.	6	—
1	D°.	4	D°.	7	25
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	16
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	26
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	12
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	13
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	20
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	27
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	22
1	D°.	3	D°.	3	6
1	D°.	3	D°.	3	11
1	D°.	3	D°.	2	20
N°. 22				130	10 at R[s]. 3 1 80 ₰ Maund 449 2 93

GRAPNALS 10 pz.	19	1	07	Viz[t].
1 D°. pz.	3	—	17	
1 D°.	3	—	—	
1 D°.	2	1	—	
1 D°.	2	1	2	
1 D°.	2	1	3	
1 D°.	1	3	—	
1 D°.	1	—	2	
1 D°.	1	—	3	
1 D°.	1	—	12	
1 D°.	1	1	24	
N°. 10 ⊕	19	1	07	at Rupees 12—95 ₰ Cw[t]. 236 1 35

				686	—	28
CHARGES ON MERCHANDIZE VIZ[T].						
Kamallage, and Weighing on Lead & Iron ...	1	1	60			
Boat Hire	2	2	—			
				3	3	60
RUPEES ..				6686	3	97

ERRORS EXCEPTED

P[R]. CHA. CROMMELIN

Accomp[t].

Account of Impress money advanced the Crew of the Fort Marlbro Snow Viz[t].

1 Commander	3 months	@ 60 ₰ M°.	180	—	—
1 Chief mate	3 ,,	@ 30	90	—	—
1 Syrang	3 ,,	@ 10	30	—	—
1 Tindall	3 ,,	@ 7·2	22	2	—
1 Carpenter	3 ,,	@ 12	36	—	—
14 Lascars	3 ,,	@ 5 ea.	210	—	—
4 Helmsmen	3 ,,	@ 8 ea.	96	—	—
		Rupees ...	664	2	—

BOMBAY 19 SEPTEMBER 1759.

ERRORS EXCEPTED

₰ SAM[L]. HOUGH

Mart. Pay Mast[r].

No. 50.

To The Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you so fully under date the 20th. Ultimo that We have nothing to add but to acquaint you We have laden two Chests of Gold on the Patty, Captain Den amounting as ₰ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed to C.Rs.

It gives us concern that We are under a necessity of risquing so much of the Company's Money on Country Ships, but lest you should be distressed for this article We purpose sending you about two lack of Rupees on the Thames Capt. Keir who will sail for your Port in a few days & small continue to supply you as conveyances offer.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hume. Servts.

Fort William
Septr. the 10 1759.

Robert Clive.
Chas. Manningham.
Wm. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddam.
C. S. Playdell.
Wm. B. Sumner.
John Cooke.

No. 51.

Duplicate.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favor of the 24 & 28 March, 10th. April, 10th. & 25 May, 10th. & 28th. June, 3d. & 11th. July and have duly honored the several Bills of Exchange therein mentioned; as also one in favor of Mr. William Fullerton for A.Rs. 18000, paid into your Cash by John Smith Esqr. tho not advised of by You, We have likewise agreeable to you desire paid M. R. Schroder the Sum of C. Rs. 2313 5 9 in part of the Produce of the Cargo of the Catherine Snow, and a thousand Arcot Rupees in Compensation of the Loss he sustained by her Detention. Your Consignment of Woolen Goods ₰ Ship Thames We hvae duly received, and the same turns out agreable to Invoice—The Drawer of the Bill of Exchange on Mr. Percival for Arcot Rupees 7236 14 3 paid us back that sum on the Bills being returned protested. In consequence of what you advised us of the Intention of Mr. Lally of destroying the black Town, of his having actually demolished the Houses of the Europeans in the Environs and at the Mount, and of his ungenerous behaviour in General—We gave immediate orders for the demolition of Chandernagore, which by this time is nearly levelled with the Ground.

We find by a letter to our Secretary from Mr. Charles Milton Commissary of Artillery that the Chest of Treasure remaining in our Godowns marked IB N. 5 was designed for the pay of his Majestys Artillery of Madrass. We therefore shall it send up to you by the first of the Companys Ships bound from hence to your Port together with the consignments Received Recd. [*sic*] by the Hardwick for your Settlement.

We have received the full quantity of Redwood laden by you on the Fort William Schooner and Leoperd Snow & hope you will continue to supply us as opportunities present.

In our hurry of business last season We omitted to inform you We advanced C.Rs. 7770– – for the Service of his Majestys Detachment under the Command of Capt. Drake when down here—We now enclose Attested Copies of that Gentleman's Receipts for the several sums advanced him & request you will demand Payment of the amount.

Mr. Newton having informed Us there are a very considerable Number of fine Timbers now laying at the Negrais belonging to the Company which We are apprehensive are not taken proper Care of & Mr. Southby having offered to proceed to that Place & render the Company this service, We have consented to Landing him there, but have not taken upon us to invest him with any further authority than to take charge of the Timbers and to pay the few People who are remaining there for which Purpose We have advanced him Six thousand Rupees. You will therefore be pleased to forward your directions for his further Proceedings.

As you mention that you shall not be able to dispatch more than three of the China ships, We desire that you will send some of them & the Royal George to us that We may return them to you with Salt Petre the Kings Stores & Vizagapatam bales & Treasure.

We propose supplying you with about 3 Lack of Rupees this season & have for that purpose been Collecting all the Gold & Sonaut Rupees We have been able to purchase—As we would prefer sending Gold more effectually to prevent the money falling into the hands of the enemy in case of the Vessell's being attacked on her passage.

We have consigned to you on this Vessell eleven hundred bags of Rice & one hundred bags of wheat as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Currt. Rupees 3395–3–6.

As it is uncertain what occasion Collonel Forde may have for shipping & how he may be supplied the Select Committee have given him discretional Powers either to detain the Leoperd Snow or dispatch her to you, but if it should be necessary for the service to keep her with Him he is directed to forward our Packet to you overland.

Mr. Hancock being arrived We have entertained him as a Surgeon on this Establishment.

We have settled with the Owners of the Ship Fort William & have paid them in full for her Freight during the time she was detained at the Negrais.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servts.

FORT WILLIAM
21 AUGUST 1759.

ROBERT CLIVE &CA.
COUNCIL.

No. 52.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This incloses you the Accounts of Vizagapatam for the Month of August as received from Mr. Heath.

I should be much obliged to you if by the first opportunity you will be pleased to send me a Chest of Stationary having none for Use.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humbe. Servt.
John Andrews.

Metchlipatam
7th. October 1759.

No. 53.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Honble Company's Ship Stretham Imported here the 30th. Ultimo, by her We have received your favor of the 28th. and 31 August & have duly honored your bills of Exchange mentioned therein.

Agreeable to what We wrote you by the Patty Capt. Den, Duplicate of which is now inclosed, We had Consigned to Your Honor &ca. 18 Chests of Treasure on the Ship Thames but she having Unluckily run ashore Going Down the River & being thereby prevented from proceeding on her Voyage, We have reshiped on the Grampus Sloop George Eivy, Commanr. the Treasure laden on the Thames, & in consideration of your great necessity for money have added one Chest of Gold as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Curt. Rups. 272316 – 6.

We had designed the above vessell to cruize off Achin Head, and directing the Master in case his seeing any Fleet of Ships, to run down to Admiral Pocock with the utmost expedition & acquaint him therewith, but being deprived of the opportunity of supplying you with money as expected We have thought it necessary to dispatch this Sloop—You will therefore be pleased to employ her on this service or return her to Us as you judge proper.

We hope in a few days to be able to dispatch another Vessell to your Honor &ca. with a further supply of Treasure, in the mean time We remain

Fort William
2 October 1759.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hume. Servts.

Robert Clive.
C. Manningham.
Richd. Beecher.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
Wm. Mackett.
Thos. Boddan.
C. S. Playdell.
Wm. B. Sumner.
John Cooke.

No. 54.

Duplicte.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca Council.
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I addressed myself to your Honor in a General Letter Dated Jany. 4th. 1759, by the Ship Fort William Capt. Charles Miller (via Bengal) wherein I acquainted you with my having found it necessary to dismiss that ship as a guard vessell to the Settlement on Accot. of her Leaky Condition I also represented to your Honours the Distresses of this settlement for Want of Men Money & Stores of almost all kinds and Denominations and that I had forwarded an Indent to Bengal for such things as were absolutely necessary to be sent here at this Juncture, towards improving the Honble Companys Settlement a Copy of the said Indent being Inclosed, I likewise acquainted your Honors with my having purchased about Four thousand fine Teak Timbers on account of the Honble Company and prayed that some vessels might be ordered here with all possible Expedition for to Transport them to some place of greater safety, and where they might be serviceable.

I am now to acquaint your Honours that this Kingdom is once more involved in the Calamities of War; The Pegu Party who retired to the Mortwans under a General called Talapan (on the Reduction of their Capital by the Burmahs) have lately entered the Kingdom with Fire and Sword & are driving all before them (Dagon was taken and Burned by the Peguers some time in the latter end of last Month and on the Second Instant another Party proceeded up the River as far as Persaim and burnt that town Down to the Ground, the Burmahs were so much Terrified at the Swift Progress of the Peguers that they made not the least Resistance, but fled all of them up the Country altho they were vastly superior in number and much Better Armed, the Honble Companys Factory being on the opposite side of the River has as yet escaped their Fury. I am since informed by Mr. Hope that a Considerable number of Burmah War Boats were getting in readiness at Keocong to oppose the Peguers and are expected down the River every Day. On the other hand I am lately informed by an Express from Antonio that the Arracaners are coming round by Water this Way with a great number of War boats, for to attack the Burmahs, the King of Ava being at this present time engaged in a War, with those People in the Northern Parts of the Kingdom. It is also reported for a certainty that the son to the late King of Ava, is now at the Head of a Strong Party of Burmahs (who have taken up Arms in his favour with an Intention to dispossess the Present King and Place the Right Heir upon the Throne. By this Small Sketch your Honor's will plainly perceive the urgent necessity we are in at Negrais for having some vessell of Force sent to remain here for the security of the Honble Company Property, as also to have a speedy reinforcement both of Military & Train with at least two or 3 Commissioned officers; otherwise it is not to be doubted but that We must soon be obliged to comply with the Demands of either one Party or the other (if not both) be they ever so exorbitant or unreasonable. Your Honors may depend upon my utmost care and vigilence, in pursuing such Measures as are most Eligible for the safety and defence of the Honble Companys Settlement but it will be next to an impossibility that the small handfull of men now remaining here should be able to Defend themselves for any considerable Length of time against the force of a whole United Kingdom.

I have already receiv'd a visit from a small party of Peguers who came to Negrais the 8th. Instant with Letters from Dagon wrote (as they pretended) by order of Talapan their General to whom they give the title of King (requesting aid and assistance from the English against the Burmahs, for which they

make most Extravigant promisses of Friendship I evaded giving them any direct answer, and Got Clear of them the day following promising them I would write to the Honble the Governour &ca. Council at Madrass concerning their present Circumstances, and to know how far I might have Liberty to Comply with their request. On the Day after their Departure a Portugueze fellow (who came here with the Peguers as an Interpreter) was Discovered to be left behind upon the Island and had kept himself Concealed the whole from the sight of any European; upon receiving this information I sent for the man to come to the Fort that he might give some account of himself and to know the reason of his Tarying behind here but he declined coming before me on Pretence of Sickness; the Doctor therefore was Desired to visit him and having assured me to the Contrary, I ordered a File of Men to bring him by Force which was done immediately, and after asking him several questions soon found that he prevaricated in a very confused manner he was then ordered to be searched and in a private Pocket was found Concealed the Letters which I have herewith Inclosed to your Honor's one of them being directed to the Governour of Pondicherry. I was then Informed by some of the Honble Company's Servants that this man had been making enquiry concerning our strength at Negrais, as to the Number of Soldiers and what quantity of Guns Small Arms, and powder &ca. were now remaining here so that in all probability he was left here on purpose as a spy, for to give the Peguers certain information of our strength and circumstances. He was thereupon Ordered to be sent on board the Syrian Guard Sloop and was there put in Irons, with Orders that no person should be permitted to converse with him on any Accot. whatever; I have now sent him in Irons to your Honors together with the Letters that were found about him & I hope he will meet with the Fate he most Certainly Deserves. Another Circumstance against him is that he has acknowledged to be concerned in Forging the Letter brought on by the Peguers as was pretended from Talapan their King the same being herewith enclosed.

I have the Opportunity of Conveying these Dispatches to your Honors by means of the Sloop Betsy Capt. John Menzies who arrived here from Bengal the 20th. Ultimo with sundry articles for sale, several of which being much wanted here I have purchased upon the Honble Companys Account for the Service of this Settlement. The Commander having taken on board a Loading for Bengal and being just Ready for sailing, I have prevailed upon him for to carry this Packet directly to Madrass that your Honor might have the most early notice of the troubles of this Country and be thereby the better enabled to provide for the security of the Honble Companys Settlement and their Property now remaining here. As Captn. Menzies has therefore consented to alter his Voyage for the Good of the Honble Company's Service I cannot doubt but that your Honors will please to make him a Recompence accordingly and as he is pretty well acquainted with the Distracted state of this Kingdom by being up the Rivers at the Commencement of the late troubles I must refer to his further accounts of our present Circumstances not having either time or Eye Sight sufficient for to be more particular by this Conveyance.

I am to acquaint your Honor's with the Misfortune We have met with in losing Eleven of the Honble Companies Coffries—7 men two Women two Children, who deserted from the Island, the Night of the 18th. Ultimo in a large boat belonging to One of the Pegu Inhabitants—I have taken the most probable measure for discovering which way they are gone and have offered a Reward of Twenty five Rupees for each of them that shall be brought back again; but as yet all the precaution I have taken has proved ineffectual not being able to lear[n] even the least accounts Concerning them.

I must humbly beseech that your Honors will please to take our distressed Circumstances into Serious Consideration for We are now beset with Enemies all around us and notwithstanding the Burmahs are under such great Obligations to the English, and for that Reason one would think ought to remain our

Constant Friends, yet I know not whither they may not prove in the End to be greater Enemies to Us, than either the Peguers or Arracaners. It is therefore with reason that I am thus earnest to request your Honors, that the Supplies Which are judged necessary to be sent here may be ordered away very speedily to our assistance otherwise they may come too late to prevent the remaining few of us from falling a Prey to the villainy of one or other of these Country Powers.

I have taken the Liberty to draw Bills of Exchange upon your Honor's dated February 12th. 1759 at Ten days sight in favor of George Mackay Esqr. or order for the sum of Arcot Rupees (12,000) Twelve thousand as also another Sett of Bills dated Febry. 13th. 1759 at Ten days sight in favour of Capt. Menzies or order for the sum of Arcot Rupees Rs. ans. ps. 3131–5–5 Three thousand one hundred Thirty one, five Anas, five Pice and I hope they will both meet with your Honor's Acceptance, value being Rec'd here by me on account & use of the Honble United East India Company.

Herewith is enclosed a General Return of Military and train to this present time and I am with all due Respect

NEGRAIS
FEBRY. 13TH. 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient most hume. Servt.
THOS. NEWTON.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

After Concluding the foregoing Letter there arrived the Honble Company's Schooner Mary from Persiam with Mr. Bulkley Hope who Informs me that the Burmahs had been there with twenty seven War boats and had behaved in so insolent a manner threatening to burn and plunder the Hoñble Company's Factory, that he judged it to be most prudent step for to retire to the Negrais with the Honble Company's moveable Effects, leaving there two Europeans and Six Black People for to look after the Teak Timbers which are at present secured in Docks and Creeks to the Number of between three and four thousand.

I must therefore once more take the Liberty to intreat your Honor's to be very speedy in sending such supplies as may be judged necessary for our assistance at this Critical Juncture and I remain with all possible Respect

NEGRAIS
FEBRY. 14TH. 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient most humble Servant
THOS. NEWTON.

No. 55.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I duly received your favour of the 15th. and agreeable to your Instructions immediately demanded the Chest of Gold, and told Capt. Fisher he might draw upon you for the amount of the Silver, He replyed it would be out of his power to get so much money here; upon which (fearing they should adopt the Gold) I told him I would raise that sum if he would deliver me the Chest, and a sett of Bills, which he accordingly ordered Mr. Johnstone to do, but that Gentleman (having been prevented since my arrival here, from Prosecuting Some Methods in the way of his Commissary Ship, very unjust in themselves, and

detrimental to the Country) full of Malice and Chicanery instead of sending me the Chest, sends a note signed by Capt. Fisher, wherein he debts Madrass Presidency for a Chest of Silver, Ten thousand Rupees (10,000) and to Cash advanced Mr. Bonjeur Ten thousand (10,000) more; and Writes me at the same time that if I would pay that Twenty thousand Rupees (20,000) he would deliver the Chest, I upon this wrote Capt. Fisher that Colonel Forde had long ago asked me if I would pay that money which I assured I would not, and that I was Very Certain he had passed it in account with Mr. Johnstone That If the [*sic*] considered the Prisoners as belonging to Madrass Presidency, from the time of their Delivery to Mr. Bonjeur, II [*sic*] considered this Country as belonging to that Presidency, from the time of its Capture, and that if they would return me all the money they had receiv'd on that accot. I would repay Mr. Bonjeurs, in short that I would Write him no more, if he would Deliver the Gold and take the Ten thousand Rupees, well, if not he must abide by the Consequences, upon which the Chest was sent, but no Bills have I been able to get for the Ten thousand Rupees and with much difficulty a Receipt attested Copy of which I have now sent to Mr. Du Pre, and have taken the Liberty to draw on you for that sum, which you will be pleased to Honour. The Chest of Gold shall be sent by first Conveyance, there is one Venetian short of the Account.

As I shall now open a Sett of Books for this Place you will be pleased to let me know whether you will have them kept in Rupees, or Pagodas at 350 as Vizagapatam are, I shall settle all the Revenues in Rupees, as the Value of Madrass Pags. here are very uncertain, sometimes more than 4 Rupees sometimes four Rupees and at other times considerably under.

Herewith comes Vizagapatam Accots. for last Month.

I am with Respect

METCHLIPATAM — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

31ST. OCTOBER 1759. — Your most obedient hume. Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 56.

MADRASS

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF THE COAST OF COROMANDEL FOR THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

By the Arrival of the Shaftesbury We found ourselves honoured with your Honours agreable Letter of the 4th. March last in which We sa[w] with the utmost satisfaction that Your Honor after having sustained a vigorous and Long Siege have been so happy as to Force their Enemy's to raise the Siege and to march somewhere else with which happy circumstances which is very much to your Honor & fame and Praise We heartily congratulate you.

It is not without a great surprize that We have been inform'd of our ministers of Negapatnam of the Enormous steps which the French nation have taken to Detriment of the Dutch East India Company, so by the taking of her ship Harlem, as by the siezing upon her Fort of Sadrasapatnam in Time of Peace which being of the utmost Consequence, we confide that our Gracious Sovereign shall take satisfaction of upon the riscription made made [*sic*] to them about that affair.

We dont doubt but your Honors will be satisfied so well with the aid we granted to the Shaftesbury to repair as to furnish her with the further Necessary's and that her Captain Mr. Cornelis Englis shall give to your Honours a full account of it, having Contributed as much as was in our Power to her Speedy Expedition.

BATAVIA
1ST. JUNE 1759.

We have the Honour to remain
RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your honours obedient Servants
JAB. MOSSELL &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 57.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since we wrote you by the Fort Marlborough Schooner, We have received your Favour of the 8th. August.

We are Glad to observe, that the remaining ships for your Presidency & China were safely arrived on the Coast, & have the satisfaction to inform you that the Godolphin imported here the 26th. Ultimo, & the Harcourt Griffin & Clinton on the 3d. Instant, having left England on the 28th. April, & have brought all their People in Good Health.

Our Honble Masters acquaint Us by them, that the Ajax, Stormont, Houghton & Prince Henry consigned directly to Bengal, sailed from Spithead on the 14th. of April, under Convoy of his Majestys Ships Lenox, Duke of Acquitaine York & Falmouth, commanded by Rear Admiral Cornish, likewise destined for the East Indies, We therefore shortly hope to hear they are all safe arrived.

We have discharged your Bills for Bombay Rupees fifty thousand (50,000) in favour of Messrs. Draper & Boddam, but hope your advices from Bengal, will be so favourable, as to render your Giving any more Bills on us unnecessary.

As in case of the President and Council of Fort William, having any ship on hand, with which they can send us a suitable supply of Salt Petre, We are in hopes we shall be able to assist in dispatching her home from Tellicherry provided none of the ships which have been detained by Admiral Pocock, come here for that Purpose, We have desired the President & Council, on those considerations to send such ship to Tellicherry as soon as they can, that her Tonnage may accordingly be compleated, & besides which ship We have the Strenthan Houghton & Clinton to provide for this Season.

BOMBAY CASTLE
12 OCTOBER 1759.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servts.

RICHD. BOURCHIER.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
J. BYFELD.
BRABAZON ELLIS.
WM. HORNBY.
SAML. HOUGH.
CHAS. WATERS.

No. 58.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President Governour &ca. Council

of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your favour of 27th. past and will not fail to send the Chest of Gold by the Prince Henry who shall be dispatched in a few days.

In respect to the Investment, as we have almost the whole field open to Us, I believe the Northern Settlements would furnish two Thousand Bales the ensuing year of which Vizagapatam might make One thousand, But as the Dutch at Bimlipatam trade very little with ready money, but force more Copper & Spice, upon the Merchants, than they can well dispose of (and in which Consists their Private advantage) and as more of their Cloaths are disposed of to the Eastward, than in Europe, they take whatever the Merchants bring, which has greatly hurt the Manufacture, and some time will be required to mend it—besides as the Midling & Fine Cloaths & Izzarees are more properly the Manufactures of Tautapauk or the Countrys about Bandamalanka and as you propose but a Small Investment, I believe it might be more advantageously carryed on that Way, I have sent for all the Merchants and will send their proposals in a few days.

Masulipatam
13th. Novemr. 1759.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servt.

John Andrews.

No. 59.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George

&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your favor of the 13th. Inst. and now forward you by the Sloop Fortune Sametah Elloy Syrang, Three hundred and twenty Bags of Rice and fifty Bags Wheat, as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed. I shall very shortly dispatch the Prince Henry with as much more as she can carry and by her send the Chest of Gold.

Herewith comes the Vizagapatam Accounts for last Month.

Masulipatam
24th. November 1759.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servt.

John Andrews.

N°. 60.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{R}.

President & Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{A}. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your favour of the 21st. Inst^{t}.; Captain Fischer does not want money, as he lately refused to take a sum for Bills on Bengal, but as it seems agreeable to you I shall pay him the Ten thousand Rupees.

The accounts here shall be kept as you direct and duly sent you.

The lowest terms I can bring the Merchants to, upon assuring them that no Cloth would be taken, but such as would upon washing & resorting fully answer the Company's purpose are, as follows.

			Long Cloth Ordinary N°.	1	Madras Pagodas 33	At a Medium Brown M. Pag^{s}. ..	32
36	12	—		2	 32		
35	7	40		3	 31		
34	3	60		O 1	 32		
				2	 31	At a Medium ..	31
				3	 30		
				S. 1	 31		
				2	 30	At a Medium ..	30
				3	 29		
			Long Cloth Midling	1	 50		
				2	 47	At a Medium ..	47
				3	 44		
			Long Cloth 23 Punjum	1	 61		
				2	 59	At a Medium ..	59
				3	 57		
			Izzarees	1	....		
				2	....	At a Medium ..	36
				3	....		

If you please to have a paper drawn out & Signed by the Merchants it shall be sent.

Masulipatam
29TH. Nov^{R}. 1759.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hum^{e}. Servt.
John Andrews.

N°. 61.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{R}.

President & Governour &c^{A}. Council

at Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Weather having prevented this Vessell from proceeding since the 18th. Instant, affords us an opportunity of sending some Madagascar Slaves, We have purchased for the West Coast in Consequence of Orders received last

season from our Honble Masters, Invoice of which is enclosed and the remainder shall proceed by the other Schooner.

BOMBAY CASTLE
22D. SEPTEMBER 1759.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
RICHARD BOURCHIER &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 62.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honour &ca's. Favour of the 18th. September came to hand the 22d. Ultimo & We are obliged to your Honour &ca. for the advices therein contained the particulars of which with a Narrative of the Squadrons proceedings together with the French Squadrons arrival at Pondicherry, The Chief Received from Vice Admiral Pocock which was transmitted to our Superiors at Bombay the beginning of October.

We have the pleasure to inform your Honour &ca. our Honble Masters Ships the Godolphin arrived at Bombay the 26th. September last the Harcount [*sic*] Griffin & Clinton the 3d. Ultimo by which Mr. Crommelin is appointed to succeed to the Government of Bombay the last of February next they also bring advice of the Squadron under Mr. Cornish with the Coast & Bay ships having left England the 14th. April last.

The inclosed is a letter received from Tellicherry a few days since which we now transmit your Honour &ca. and remain with respect

ANJENGO
8TH. NOVEMR. 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
THOS. WHITEHILL.
ARTHUR KING.
WILLIAM STRATTON.

No. 63.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you by the Cawmasavree, Permal Syrang, on board whom I have laden on account the Honble Company and Consigned to you 677 Bags of Rice, 240 Bags of Wheat and 31 Madrass Garse & 32 Mercall Paddy, as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed.

I should have sent the Months Accounts by this Conveyance, but cannot close them for want of knowing the proper pay of the Train, and which no one here can inform me.

MASULIPATAM
9TH. DECEMR. 1759.

I am with the greatest Respect
Your most obedient humе. Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 64.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you by the Prince Henry, Captain Reynolds, by whom I have consigned you, on account of the Honble Company, one thousand three hundred fifty seven Baggs of Rice and the Chest of Gold Received from Capt. Fischer as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed. There comes also by this Ship three French Gentlemen Prisoners on Parole, and inclosed are duplicates of mine by the Cawmasavree Snow.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hume. Servt.

Masulipatam
11th. Decemr. 1759.

John Andrews.

No. 65.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
and the other Gentlemen of the Select
Committee at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am now to acquaint you that Captain Fischer marched from the Petta this Morning, it was out of my Power to procure any return of Garrison Stores from them. A Return of what We have found since they went, comes inclosed. There are some other Articles as Lead, Iron, Nails &ca., a particular account of which shall be sent so soon as We can collect them. I also enclose you, the account of ye. last years ballances, as left me by Colonel Forde. The Gleanings of old Ballances are hard to gather in, especially as some have much to say, having been Plunder'd either by the French, Salabad Jungs Horse, or our People. I send likewise a particular account of the Revenues belonging to the Company as they are Rented out, which if duly collected will amount to four Lack of Rupees ℔ annum. The Sea Custom which I have only guessed at, depends greatly upon the situation of our affairs; and the protection we are able to give the Merchants, and may be considerably more. At present I am sorry to observe the Concern and uneasyness that appears in every Inhabitant and Trader. The Soukars have shut up their Doors, and will do no business: The Dutch have ordered every thing belonging to them to be sent away. If the Governour will be pleased to speak to Goverdendoss and the other Soukars in your Place who have their Gomastah's here, to order them to trade as usual, it may have some good Effect upon our Credit.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Masulipatam
11th. Decemr. 1759.

John Andrews.

RENTS & REVENUES.

Bondarra Tondure &ca. Narasapore Sircar.				
To Farms for the years 1759, 1760 & 1761 at	Rs.	58,000 ℔ annum		174,000 — —
Enegodroo Perganah.				
To Farms for the year 1759 ..	Rs.	7200 — —		
Do. 1760 ..	„	8400 — —		
Do. 1761 ..	„	8400 — —		
				24,000 — —
		Carried over ..		198,000 — —

			Brought over	198,000 — —
Godoor &ca. 4 Perganahs.				
To Farms for the year	1759 ..	Rs.	64000 — —	
Do.	1760 ..	,,	68000 — —	
Do.	1761 ..	,,	72000 — —	
				204,000 — —
Nizumpatnam & Kistnah Juncan.				
To Farms for the years 1759, 1760 & 1761 ..	..	@ Rus.	92,000 ⅌ Annum	276,000 — —
Devy Island.				
To Farms for the year	1759 ..	Rs.	26,000 — —	
Do.	1760 ..	,,	32,000 — —	
Do.	1761 ..	,,	32,000 — —	
				90,000 — —
The six Islands of Devy.				
To Farms for the year	1759 ..	Rs.	11,200 — —	
Do.	1760 ..	,,	11,200 — —	
Do.	1761 ..	,,	11,200 — —	
				33,600 — —
Pettah Juncan.				
To Farms for the year	1759 ..	Rs.	14,000 — —	
Do.	1760 ..	,,	15,000 — —	
Do.	1761 ..	,,	16,000 — —	
				45,000 — —
Masulipatam & Conracca Salt.				
To Farms from ye. 9th. Novr. 1759 to 9th.				
Novr. 1760 ..	.. ..	Rs.	60,000 — —	
1761 ..	.. ..	,,	70,000 — —	
1762 ..	.. ..	,,	80,000 — —	
				210,000 — —
			Rupees ..	10,56,600 — —
Sea Custom.				
Supposed to be Rups. 45,000 ⅌ Annum ..			.. ..	1,35,000 — —
Mint, supposed to be Rs. 2,800 ⅌ Annum			.. ..	8,400 — —
			Rupees ..	12,00,000 — —

John Andrews.

No. 66.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Andrews being at Camp this is to inclose your Honour &ca. Duplicate Invoice and Bill of Lading by the Prince Henry Pacquet.

Metchlipatam
the 17th. Decr. 1759.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hume. Servt.
Jas. Alexander.

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